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## LEAC rate cut approved

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REPORTER

**P**aying for your power bill will be a little lighter on the wallet after the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approved Saturday to reduce the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s levelized energy adjustment clause, or LEAC rate, effective Nov. 20.

The new LEAC charge is \$0.30791 per kilowatt-hour—a 10.6 percent drop from the \$0.34426 that customers used to pay before the commission's new order.

The LEAC rate reflects the cost of fuel that CUC buys to run its power plants. The new rate consists of the following elements: fuel and lube oil, \$0.28761 per kWh; volatility allowance, \$0.01783 per

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## Additional \$1M food stamp for CNMI now 'mandatory'

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President Barack Obama signed Friday a fiscal year 2012 appropriations measure that now makes it "mandatory" instead of "discretionary" the additional \$1 million in food stamp funding that the CNMI receives.

This means that Congress locked in

\$13.148 million in food stamp funding for the CNMI.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said during the weekend that the appropriation measure, H.R. 2112, makes mandatory what had been a discretionary addition of \$1 million by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack to the CNMI food

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## USDA targets stores in food stamp trafficking

By LAURA CRIMALDI  
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**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)**—A criminal swindle of the nation's \$64.7 billion food stamp program is playing out at small neighborhood stores around the country, where thousands of retailers are suspected of trading deals with customers, exchanging lesser amounts of cash for their stamps.

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» **New DHS memos reinforce focus on criminal aliens for removal**

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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The U.S. House of Representatives went into recess without acting on Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's bill granting a CNMI-only resident status for four groups of aliens—including parents of U.S. citizen children—before Nov. 27, the cutoff date for nonresidents to be petitioned for a Commonwealth-only worker status or a grant of parole status.

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## IMMIGRATION FORUM

Nonresidents occupy the lobby of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe on Saturday for an immigration information presentation and open forum with U.S. immigration lawyer and U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance legal counsel Ted Laguatan via Skype. Many long-term nonresidents have yet to be either petitioned for a Commonwealth-only worker status or granted parole-in-place so that they won't lose legal immigration status after Nov. 27.

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## Local

# Funding for AMIM scholarship program OK'd for release

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Funding for the scholarship program of the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors, & Elected Municipal Council Members or AMIM is now ready for release following the group's final approval Friday during the 18<sup>th</sup> AMIM General Assembly.

The annual meeting, held at the Seaside Hall of Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe, was attended by 24 AMIM members from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

The AMIM Scholarship Pro-

gram is open to students in the Marianas Islands who are U.S. citizen residents and are enrolled at the Guam Trades Academy or Northern Marianas Trades Institute, taking up skilled trades course such as construction, automotive, home economics, and culinary.

Scholars are required "to maintain a satisfactory performance at every term he or she receives the AMIM Scholarship."

The islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will each receive \$1,000 in scholarship funding while Guam will receive \$2,000.

Rota Mayor and AMIM president Melchor Mendiola said in an interview that the scholarship program, funded by a portion of their membership fees, will supplement the existing scholarship programs that the islands have.

"Every penny nowadays counts," said Mendiola, adding that the release of funds will be issued upon submission of requests.

Agat Mayor Carol Tayama of Guam noted during the meeting that the scholarship program should be advertised to inform students about the financial assistance.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Yigo Mayor Robert S. Lizama of Guam stresses a point during the 18th Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors, & Elected Municipal Council Members at the Saipan Grand Hotel Seaside Hall last Friday.

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his welcoming remarks, said the annual AMIM General Assembly is "an excellent opportunity" for regional networking and cooperation.

"In considering the effectiveness of government services, it often helps to consider the models and experiences of other island jurisdictions within our region, because we often deal with many of the same problems, issues, and challenges," said Fitial.

Friday's meeting also involved the adoption of several resolutions introduced during last year's assembly held in Rota.

They included the promotion of Chamorro culture throughout the Marianas through language, art, and dance; exploring the possibilities of using the CNMI as part of the regional military buildup; support for the Guam Visitors Bureau and the Marianas Visitor's Authority in establishing the "Visit Marianas/Micronesia Cruise

Package;" establishing and supporting Marianas Golf Tour; the re-opening of the inter-island commuter terminal for travel within the Marianas; requesting the Guam Department of Agriculture to re-examine the quarantine rules and regulations for inter-island exchange of livestock used for gaming; request the Guam Department of Agriculture to revise and reform policies for shipment of produce and livestock for personal use; sharing of emergency response plans among various agencies; appreciation for Maj. Gen. David Bice in dealing with the military buildup in the Marianas; and the AMIM's desire "to move forward with one voice, one desire, one message and as one people" in areas of concern that would affect the future generations.

AMIM members decided that a goodwill tournament will take place at the next meeting, which will be held on Tinian from Nov. 16 to 18, 2012.

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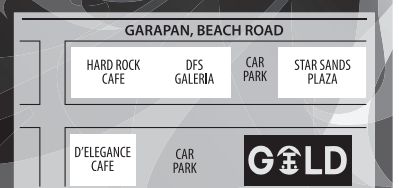


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# DPL not remitting land lease payments for four years

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For four consecutive years now, the Department of Public Lands has not been remitting public land lease payments to the agency at the end of every fiscal year as mandated by the CNMI Constitution, according to the MPLT board Friday.

MPLT chair Alvaro Santos disclosed that the agency last received payments from DPL in 2008, amounting to \$5 million, including the \$3.5 million loan payment related to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Santos said that even the fiscal year coverage of the last remittance of \$1.5 million for public land leases was not clear.

According to the board, the uncollected lease payment was from fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

MPLT is constitutionally mandated to handle and invest all monies generated from public land leases and related fees. All revenue earned from these investments are then turned over to the general fund.

Santos said that DPL has been using the awarding of homesteads and the infrastructure developments DPL is doing on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian as reasons for the delayed remittances. However, he pointed out that no records—particularly financial statements—have been shared or provided to MPLT to validate DPL's expenses and development claims.

In numerous instances, DPL also included among its reasons the significant decline in the number of public land leases, Santos said, yet MPLT has been provided no concrete data to support this claim.

Santos said that DPL's failure to timely remit public land lease revenue is a clear violation of the law and that the board will take strong measures if DPL will not cooperate and work with MPLT.

"Draw your conclusion but unfortunately, that can happen because we did it twice already with [DPL Secretary Oscar Babauta's] predecessors. For me it's problematic because they don't share with us how much they collected. They leave MPLT in total darkness and because of that, we're just making guesstimates on their collection," he said during a break in the meeting.

Santos said that MPLT may be receiving "untruthful" information from DPL due to the absence of clear and accurate records about DPL's transactions. He described these non-remitted funds as an "opportunity loss" for MPLT.

Santos also revealed that prior to the 2007-2008 collection from DPL, the last time MPLT received money from DPL was in 1991.

"That's over 10 years. Can you imagine if you pump that money into the portfolio?" he said.

MPLT's investment portfolio is currently valued at \$71 million.

When asked why MPLT did not take any action in the last four years, Santos said that MPLT was

always given the argument that monies were used for home-stead developments.

"It's very hard to draw conclusion because we really don't know the facts other than what they tell us. If we have the documents, we can refute or contest their honesty. But with lack of information, we're just speculating how much they collected," he said, adding that DPL is clearly violating the constitutional mandates.

"It is in violation already. And even if they have a very good reason, at least be transparent and share with us [the data]. With that kind of transparency, we can

## » MPLT cites violation of law, eyes measures vs public land agency

understand the real situation and perhaps we may be more considerate," he said.

Last Oct. 5, MPLT sent Babauta a follow-up letter asking for the remittance of land lease payments. Meetings took place after that and on Oct. 12, Babauta promised anew to provide the necessary remittances for fiscal year 2011.

The DPL secretary, in his letter to Santos, said they are closing the 2011 books and will shortly remit

the funds. However, he described as a "gargantuan task" MPLT's request for documents, which include "all current land leases for public lands, permits and other permitted operations for which fees are collected."

For Babauta, these requested documents are not covered by the scope of the Open Government Act and MPLT must specify what records it wants.

Board members described the situation with DPL as "very disturbing" and agreed to give the agency some sort of ultimatum before pursuing stronger steps.

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# 'Occupy USCIS' celebrates foreign workers' contributions to CNMI today

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With only a few days to go before Nov. 27, nonresidents holding a peaceful vigil near the office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Garapan will be celebrating foreign workers' unity, friendship and contributions to the CNMI from 2pm to 6pm today.

"We are inviting everyone to join us," Human Dignity Movement president Itos Feliciano said yesterday.

Rabby Syed, president of United Workers Movement-NMI, said on Saturday that Occupy USCIS continues to ask USCIS to grant parole-in-place to "all legal alien workers" until Congress initiates legislation to grant these indi-

viduals improved immigration status.

"My request to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is to act quickly on this matter before Nov. 27 or before people go out of status; otherwise, it will be a big question mark under U.S. flag that many people, especially parents of U.S. citizen children, that their concerns were never heard," Syed said in an interview.

USCIS is one of the component agencies of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Syed also said that he's asking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to "consider" the plight of long-term nonresidents "and bring this matter to DHS' attention for immediate action."

"Occupy USCIS" started setting up

tents and put up banners near USCIS on Oct. 24, to drum up support for many long-term nonresidents' call for a grant of parole-in-place for all legal workers until Congress acts to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers in the CNMI.

Nonresidents, mostly Filipinos, Bangladeshis and Chinese, have been taking turns manning the Occupy USCIS tents 24 hours, seven days a week at least until after Nov. 27.

Today's celebration of friendship and unity from 2pm to 6pm will be followed by a candlelight vigil.

"We invite you to celebrate our unity. We came from many countries, speaking different languages, having our own customs and religions. Over

many years and decades, we have become one: united in solidarity, joined by mutual hardships and bonded in one fight for justice. We are the foreign workers of the CNMI," said a Human Dignity Movement statement.

It said today's event will also be a celebration of foreign workers' contri-

butions to the CNMI.

"We dedicated years and decades of our lives to serving the CNMI as hard-working and proud laborers. We contributed our skills as laborers, teachers, nurses, mechanics, accountants, cashiers, maids, clerks, farmers, engineers, entertainers and professionals," it said.

## WAP suspends accepting applications

Effective today, Nov. 21, 2011, the Weatherization Assistance Program will no longer be accepting applications under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and WAP Formula Fiscal Year 2012 Grants.

According to the CNMI Department of Public Works' Division of Energy, this

program has exceeded its allotted applicants and will undergo its program financial closeout. In the event that funding is still available, the public will be notified.

For any concerns regarding existing applications or questions on WAP, contact Lorraine M. Seman at (670) 664-4421. (*Office of the Governor*)

## USDA

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Authorities say the stamps are then redeemed as usual by the unscrupulous merchants at face value, netting them huge profits and diverting as much as \$330 million in taxpayer funds annually a year. But the transactions are electronically recorded and federal investi-

gators, wise to the practice, are closely monitoring thousands of convenience stores and mom-and-pop groceries in a push to halt the fraud.

Known as food stamp trafficking, the illegal buying or selling of food stamps is a federal offense that has resulted in 597 convictions nationwide and \$197.4 million in fines, restitution and forfeiture orders, over the past three years, according to the U.S. Department of

Agriculture's Office of the Inspector General. The USDA last month awarded a 10-year contract worth up to \$25 million to Fairfax, Va.-based SRA International, Inc., to step up the technology used to combat fraud.

"It's misuse of the program. It's a misuse of taxpayer dollars at a tough time. Not only the people who need the program are having a tough time, but the people who are paying for the program

are having a tough time, too," said Kevin Concannon, USDA Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services.

The fraud is almost always found among the 199,000 smaller stores that process 15 percent of the nation's total food stamp transactions, Concannon said.

The modern food stamp program was created in 1977 to help low-income families. Benefits are loaded onto plastic debit cards that can only be redeemed at authorized stores. More than 45 million people were receiving benefits as of August, according to program figures, nearly half of them children.

Nationwide, 234,000 stores are authorized to accept food stamps, including 35,000 supermarkets where 85 percent of benefits are redeemed, Concannon said.

Last year, 931 stores nationally were dismissed from the food stamp program for trafficking and 907 others were sanctioned for lesser violations - 37 percent of the nearly 5,000 retail-

ers being investigated. A March USDA report found more than 8 percent of the large and small stores, 210,000 in all, allowed people to cash in their benefits between 2006 and 2008.

The analytical tools officials are turning to have paid off, they say. Even though food stamp spending has ballooned from \$22.7 billion to \$64.7 billion since 1995, the misuse of benefits has dropped from four cents to a penny on every dollar spent, said Food and Nutrition Service spokesman Aaron Lavalley.

The USDA says it's enhancing the computerized tools used by fraud investigators to track illegal transactions by using geospatial analysis to identify scammers, scanning social media sites for evidence of fraud and using mathematical formulas to zero in on retailer abuses. The agency uses a massive database to track transactions and flag possible scamming stores. Red flags include spikes in redemptions at stores or customers spending most or all of their monthly benefits during a single shopping trip.

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stamp funding.

"Food stamp funding has increased by \$3 million since I started work in Congress—first by getting the Recovery Act increase to the food stamp program extended by the Secretary to the NMI in 2009, having \$12.148 million set by appropriation in fiscal year 2010 and 2011, and then successfully lobbying for the additional \$1 million this year," Sablan said.

During a July hearing of the Nutrition Subcommittee where Sablan is a member, the delegate spoke about food stamp benefit cuts in the CNMI and eligible families being wait-listed because of shortfalls in the block grant.

In that hearing, Food and Nutrition Services Administrator Dr. Audrey Rowe promised to help, resulting in the discretionary \$1 million increase in funding.

"Now that money is locked in by appropriation," Sablan said.

The Conference Committee on HR 2112 also left intact the language that Sablan had included in the Senate Appropriations Committee report on the bill, instructing the USDA secretary to work on integrating the Northern Marianas into the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

"That is our ultimate goal, which will more than double benefits and bring an additional \$12 to \$24 million into our economy," said Sablan.

The Fitial administration has been opposed to the CNMI's inclusion in the national food stamp program or SNAP, citing additional administrative costs that the CNMI has to shoulder.

The Fitial administration did not respond to new request for comment on the issue as of yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sablan again wrote to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Thursday, reiterating his request for support in his efforts to integrate the CNMI into the national food stamp program.

Sablan said the USDA secretary reiterated that his department is willing to begin discussion with the CNMI on ex-

tending SNAP to the Commonwealth.

The delegate asked the governor to "take full advantage of this window of opportunity."

Sablan said if the governor chooses to engage in these negotiations, he would recommend seven standards to incorporate into an agreement, including ensuring that benefits to CNMI people should be effectively equivalent to benefits for people in Guam; that benefit levels for Rota and Tinian residents be linked to the consumer price index for these islands; sufficient funding for the CNMI at the outset of transition; and transition to sharing of administrative costs should be staged so that additional expected tax revenues are received by the CNMI.

He also urges that the electronic benefit transfer system which replaces paper food stamps with more secured debit cards should also be staged in, and that features of the CNMI's current negotiated block grant which have demonstrated appropriateness in the CNMI or has less complexity than SNAP should be retained.

## US HOUSE

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While many long-term foreign workers face a loss of immigration status after Nov. 27, new U.S. Department of Homeland Security memos are reinforcing the policy that immigration agents use prosecutorial discretion and focus on criminal aliens for removal.

Sablan said his H.R. 1466 has not been calendared for consideration by the U.S. House, but added that the bill "continues to move forward inch by inch."

"I have met with leadership on both sides of the aisle. I continue to push for action. And, as I have said before, I am hopeful that the House will pass H.R. 1466 before the end of the year," he told Saipan Tribune.

He earlier said that the bill now has a better chance to pass the House before the end of the year. Once the bill passes the House, it will be easier to have it passed by the Senate.

The House is in recess for constituent week and goes back into session on Nov.

29. It targets a Dec. 8 adjournment.

If HR 1466 does not pass the House by that date, it will have to wait until 2012. Most parole in place granted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to both employed and unemployed nonresidents expire on Jan. 31, 2012.

HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, CNMI permanent residents, those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, and immediate relatives of U.S. citizens under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

### Nov. 17 memo

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement issued a Nov. 17 memo titled "case-by-case review of incoming and certain pending cases," reinforcing the Morton memo of June 2011 and another DHS memo in July 2011.

It said during the course of the review of incoming cases and cases pending in immigration court, attorneys should focus on the factors discussed in the June 17 prosecutorial discretion memo, as well as

the criteria contained in the "Guidance to ICE Attorneys Reviewing CBP, USCIS and ICE Cases Pending Before the Executive Office for Immigration Review."

DHS memos said removal cases involving those who are suspected terrorists or national security risks and those who are convicted of felony, immigration fraud, misdemeanor violation such as sexual abuse or drug trafficking, should be prioritized.

The Morton memo directs ICE attorneys and employees to "exercise prosecutorial discretion" and refrain from going after non-citizens with close family ties in the U.S., among other things, unless they are criminals or pose a clear risk to national security.

ICE confirmed that the Morton memo covers the CNMI.

Meanwhile, as of Nov. 10, only more than 700 foreign workers of the estimated 13,399 eligible for CW status have been petitioned by their employers.

USCIS said it will release updated data this week on the number of CW petitions filed, and the number of beneficiaries, among other things.

## LEAC

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kWh; and regulatory/technical support, \$0.00247 per kWh.

CPUC chair Viola Alepuyo approved the new rate after determining that the new charge is just, reasonable, and necessary.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren and deputy executive director Alan Fletcher said they were pleased with the commission's decision because it will bring substantial relief to all customers.

Warren said the new LEAC rate will reduce by 10.7 percent the bill of the average CUC customer who uses up to 500 kWh a month. Commercial and government customers are projected to see an 8.8 percent reduction in their power bills.

About 70 percent of CUC's customers are residential consumers.

According to Fletcher, both CUC and Georgetown worked hard to come up with a LEAC rate they were both agreeable to. Each earlier filed different rate reduction.

"We worked hard all throughout last week in order to be able to come up to an agreement and we're very thankful to everybody involved in that process, including the commission and the hearing examiner," said Fletcher.

Warren disclosed that CUC will file a new LEAC petition in January 2012.

### Delinquent accounts

Prior to approving the rate cut, PUC chair Alepuyo had some pungent words for CUC about the commission's long-

standing concerns on delinquent government and autonomous agencies, including the "preferential treatment" being accorded these agencies such as free reconnections.

"In the April hearing, I made it clear that CUC needs to address the central government's delinquent accounts, not just the nonpayment but actual disconnection and reconnection without payments. That's unfair to the layman consumer because any other person on the street, when they are disconnected, in order to be reconnected they have to either make payment or enter into some kind of agreement, whatever the CUC regulation is. This preferential treatment is unfair to other consumers and instead of addressing this issue, it's gotten worse because we have PSS with an even bigger amount than what the CNMI government owes," she said.

Alepuyo warned that the commission will not act on CUC's petition to increase its water and wastewater rates if this problem with delinquent accounts is not rectified.

### Wise treatment

Fletcher, in an interview after the Saturday meeting, denied providing preferential treatment to government agencies such as PSS, saying the consideration they accord PSS is "wise treatment" and the "right thing to do."

"I think we're going the right way. There's no unfair or special treatment. It's just the reality of doing business in this severe economic climate."

PSS and the central government owe CUC a combined \$6 million as of Sept. 30.



## Woman who stole \$900 from worker gets probation

A woman who stole \$900 from an alien worker by filing forged documents at the Department of Labor has been given a two-year probation sentence.

Maria Del Rosario was sentenced last week to a year in prison, all suspended, for theft. Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo placed the 47-year-old Del Rosario on probation for two years and required her to pay a \$500 fine, and \$25 court costs. Del Rosario was also ordered to pay \$900 in restitution to the victim.

The government charged Del

Rosario with forgery and theft. She pleaded guilty to theft as part of a plea deal.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Del Rosario with unlawfully taking money from the victim between December 2008 and January 2009 on Saipan.

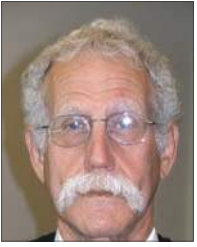
According to the charging in-

formation, on Jan. 20, 2009, Del Rosario issued a document purporting to be an official voucher report from Labor and Immigration when no such actual document exists.

On or between December 2008 to January 2009, the defendant collected \$900 for the processing of immigration pa-

perwork and payment of fees for the victim's employment.

The OAG said the defendant created a false impression as to performance in processing the immigration paperwork and payment of fees by producing falsified receipts from Labor and Immigration. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Govendo

## Salvation Army to host Thanksgiving lunch

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The Salvation Army will be hosting a Thanksgiving lunch for low-income families on island on Nov. 24 at the Minachom Atdao pavilion along Beach Road.

Traditional Thanksgiving fare like turkey and ham will

be served starting at noon. Alcohol beverages will not be served or allowed on the premises.

"We want to invite everyone who would like to come down and join us for Thanksgiving dinner. Everything will be free and we will have a great time," said ministry leader Wayne Gillespie.

He encouraged those who will attend the event to bring ukuleles and other instruments and perform holiday or other appropriate songs.

The ministry leader said they also welcome donations of turkey, ham, and cash to purchase food for the event. For more information, call 483-0885.



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# IT&E sues utilities commission

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The owner of IT&E is suing the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission for approving the application of Guam-based telecommunications company GTA Services to set up shop in the CNMI.

Micronesian Telecommunications Corp., owner of IT&E,

filed the lawsuit against the commission on Friday in the Superior Court.

IT&E, through general counsel Steven Carrara and counsel Victorino DLG. Torres, asked the court to allow IT&E to intervene in the commission's proceedings.

Carrara and Torres said that IT&E should be allowed to participate in the proceedings

concerning GTA's application for certificate of public convenience and necessity.

The two lawyers asked the court to rule that all documents, pleadings and correspondence in the proceedings be provided to their client.

Carrara and Torres also the court to stay the commission's Oct. 17, 2011, order that granted GTA its certificate of public

convenience and necessity.

"IT&E should be allowed to engage in discovery, present cogent arguments, and participate in all proceedings as a party," the lawyers said.

In its appeal to the Superior Court, Carrara and Torres presented three issues:

■ Did the commission erroneously deny IT&E's motion to intervene in GTA's application

when IT&E has a financial interest in the matter and where GTA (in the same proceeding) was encouraging the commission to take certain position regarding IT&E's financial status, rural exemption protection and obligations to its customers?

■ Did the commission erroneously fail to provide, adequately, documents relating to and concerning GTA's application

despite IT&E's repeated request for documents and to clear impact of this docket on IT&E's interests?

■ Did the commission erroneously fail to disclose and provide IT&E an opportunity to respond to GTA's confidential response where it attacked IT&E's financial status, rural exemption protection, and obligations to its customers?

## IT&E to CPUC: Hold off decision on GTA matter

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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Telecommunications company IT&E wants the Public Utilities Commission to put off making a decision whether or not GTA Services LLC filed a valid request for interconnection services, saying any such decision will affect its appeal now pending with both the commission

and local court.

IT&E legal counsels Victor Torres and Steven Carrara argued the company's case before the commission during Saturday's business meeting, saying a decision on the matter will render moot all their other appeals and concerns about GTA's entry into the Commonwealth.

According to IT&E, GTA's request to provide intercon-

nection services in the Commonwealth was not valid because it did not yet possess the authority to provide intrastate service in the CNMI when it made the request on Aug. 29, 2011. It was only late last month when the commission approved GTA's application to provide local exchange services within the CNMI. IT&E asserts that GTA needed this certification before its request can be considered bona fide.

IT&E said that until GTA possesses the certification, it is not authorized and cannot provide telephone exchange or exchange access service in the CNMI.

PUC earlier initiated an inquiry on IT&E's assertion that GTA failed to make a bona fide request for interconnection services. The commission authorized hearing examiner Harry Boertzel to oversee the inquiry and make findings and recommendations.

In his report to PUC, Boertzel found that GTA made a bona fide request for interconnection services and recommended that the inquiry proceed under a fresh 120-day clock.

PUC chair Viola Alepuyo, however, did not decide on the matter on Saturday, citing the lack of time. She assured, however, that a decision will be made on Nov. 29.

During the lengthy discussion Saturday, GTA counsel Michael Evangelista reiterated that the company abided by all rules and standards related to applying for interconnection services.

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IT&E would like to remind its customers that payments not received by close of business on **November 22**, will result in temporary suspension of all telephone services after 6:00 p.m. on that day. To prevent temporary suspension, customers must pay their bills on or before **November 22**.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, hereby giving notice that the CNMI State Advisory Group (SAG), also known as the "Youth Advisory Council" (YAC) of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency will hold an Official Award Meeting on **Wednesday, November 23, 2010 8:00A.M. - 4:30P.M., NAPU Conference Room, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES, of Minutes from YAC meeting on November 9, 2010.
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - a) 2012 Three Year State Plan Development and Planning
    - i. Technical Assistance
  - b) YAC Grant Review Process Development
    - i. Review and Discuss CJPA YAC Grant Review Process
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Chairman Report on 2011 OJJDP National Conference
  - b) CNMI-FACJJ Representative Report
  - c) Review and Adoption of Compliance Monitoring Manual
  - d) 2011 Applicant Interviews and Grant Awarding.
    - i. Title II,
    - ii. Title V,
    - iii. JABG,
- iv. EUDL
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a) Next Youth Advisory Council Meeting
  - b) Supervisory Council Meeting scheduled for December 5, 2011.
  - c) Others
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Should you need more information, please call the CJPA at 664-4550.

/s/ Mr. Joe Limes  
Chairperson  
State Advisory Group

/s/ Mr. Jerome I. Jerome  
Executive Director, CJPA

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## Man in rape case gets 90-day sentence for perjury

A man who was found guilty in September of raping an intoxicated woman at a Tinian cemetery pleaded guilty last week to perjury for lying in his testimony.

Joseph Ray Cruz Arriola Jr. pleaded guilty to a count of perjury as part of a plea deal with the government.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman sentenced the 21-year-old Arriola to six months in prison, all suspended except for 90 days.

Wiseman said the 90-day prison term shall run concurrently with the sentence in the sexual assault case.

The judge said that sentencing shall be deferred until the sentencing in the sexual assault case. Arriola has yet to be sentenced in the sexual assault conviction.

This means that Arriola will serve the 90-day sentence in the perjury case within the prison term that will be imposed in the sexual assault matter.

Arriola was also ordered to pay a \$100 fine, \$100 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

The plea agreement stated that on Dec. 2, 2010 on Tinian,

Arriola testified under oath that he has never committed theft and that he did not participate in the sexual assault on the victim.

On Sept. 20, 2011, Wiseman determined that the government was able to provide enough evidence to convict Arriola of sexual assault in the third degree—a criminal offense that carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Wiseman conducted the bench trial on Tinian. A week before the trial, the judge granted the Office of the Attorney

General's motion to dismiss the charges of kidnapping and first degree sexual assault.

Assistant attorney general Russell H. Lorring, who prosecuted the case, filed an amended information to charge Arriola with only one count of sexual assault in the third degree.

In December 2010, the Tinian Superior Court jury handed down a not-guilty verdict against Arriola's co-defendant, 30-year-old Kurt B. King, who was charged with kidnapping and rape. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Masters swim program makes a comeback

Masters is back! This popular swim program held at the 50-meter Kan Pacific pool was set up by the Sakovichs under the Saipan Swim Club about 10 years ago for adults who wanted exercise and training for various swimming and triathlon events. You must be 21 years old and be able to swim 50 meters. Detailed workouts that can be adjusted for varying swim levels are available at each session or a swimmer may do their own workout. Coaching and instruction is available upon request at an


additional cost.

The monthly fee is \$30, which is due before the first of each month. Make out checks to the Saipan Swim Club. Payments can be given to Suzy Kindel at the pool during the weekday noon-hour sessions.

The swim times are as follows:

- Monday: Noon to 1:30pm
- Wednesday: Noon to 2pm
- Friday: Noon to 1:30pm
- Saturday: Noon to 2pm

Contact Suzy Kindel at suzy-kindel@yahoo.com if you have any questions. *(PR)*



## Please come and join us for the Third Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic!

*The Third Annual THTC kicks off at the American Memorial Park on Thursday evening, November 17, and will continue all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at AMP, Pacific Islands Club, Fiesta Resort and Spa, and Hyatt Regency.*

*The first week's events include 10 & under junior short court singles and doubles, and adult singles and mixed doubles (skill and age levels--2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, and 40+yrs.).*  
Registration for the first week is due by Thursday, November 10.

*The following week, November 23, 25--27, the THTC continues with junior long court singles and doubles (age levels--10s, 12s, 15s, & 18s), and adult men's and women's doubles (skill and age levels--2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, and 40+yrs.).*  
Registration for the second week is due by Thursday, November 17.






Entry forms are available at the tournament headquarters, AMP, or online at [www.tanholdings.com/tennis\\_2011](http://www.tanholdings.com/tennis_2011).  
Draws, when made, will also be available at AMP and online.

Players must check the draws to find your starting match time, and players must also check in at AMP prior to their first match. All first week players, regardless of their starting match time, are encouraged to check in at AMP on Thursday evening, November 17.






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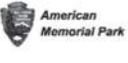






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These questions and others of local and regional "earth science" interest are part of a public talk to be shared by visiting SMU geoscientist Dr. James Quick. This is a chance to learn about such critical questions first-hand.

Tomorrow evening, Nov. 22 at 6:30pm, come to the American Memorial Park auditorio-

rium to learn more about the island's geology from one of our region's foremost experts. The talk is sponsored as a special meeting of the Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management, or APASEEM. Seating at the park's auditorium

is limited so be on time or come early. Everyone is invited. An interactive question-and-answer period will follow Quick's presentation.

Since 1994 Academy meetings have been arranged to bring key issues before the Commonwealth public and encourage

students with a potential interest in a science or environmental management field to network with scientists and learn how to get more involved. For more information contact APASEEM president Ken Kramer at 233-0009, or via email at ken\_kramer0886@yahoo.com. (PR)

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Belated happy birthday to Shirley D. Kim, who celebrated her birthday last Nov. 18. We wish you all the happiness in life. Keep healthy and stay as pretty you are. Greetings come from the staff and management of the Sun Palace Hotel, Makeover Beauty Salon, and the Northern Marianas Badminton Association.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Wishing our boy Jon "JJ" Reyes a blessed happy birthday as he turns 6 years old today. Enjoy your special day Neni, we are very blessed to have in your lives. Hugs and kisses! We love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, your brothers, and grandma.

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*If you listen closely the  
turkey is really saying  
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Buckle up this Thanksgiving.



## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 21, 2000

### Remittances reach \$226M in 4 years

The CNMI has been witnessing significant growth in the volume of greenback being sent out of the Commonwealth each year beginning 1997, primarily because more than half of the islands' workforce are expatriates from Asian countries. In the period covering 1996 to 1999, the commerce department reported an annual average of 9.7 percent growth rate in total remittances by nonresident workers on the islands to their families back home. According to a comprehensive report obtained from the Department of Commerce's Banking Division, remittance transactions made by guest workers between 1996 and 1999 amounted \$225.9 million, or an annual average of \$56.5 million.

### Hopwood tackles HIV/AIDS education

After concluding a series of alcohol and tobacco education sessions last week, Hopwood Junior High School students this time are devoting 50-minute class period catching up on two of the most dreaded diseases known to man: HIV and AIDS. Dr. Celia Lamkin, former HIV/AIDS specialist for the Public School System, gave 7th grade students a basic overview of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus, in a language commonly spoken by today's generation of youths.

Nov. 21, 2001

### House OKs poker machines at airports

Lameduck or not, the 12th House of Representatives gave signal yesterday that it cannot be written off yet by passing a measure that would allow the Commonwealth Ports Authority to operate amusement machines at ports of entry as a revenue-generating strategy. House Bill 12-400 passed the lower chamber on first and final reading during yesterday's special session, which was largely attended by lawmakers except for Reps. Dino M. Jones and Malua T. Peter, who were both excused. The measure, also known as The Airport and Seaport Amusement Machines Waiver Act of 2001, primarily amends the Commonwealth Code to allow the Authority to own and operate amusement machines at the CNMI's airports and seaports as a means of generating income that would be used to improve the Commonwealth's ports of entry.

### Transition panel gears up to review agencies

The Babauta-Benavente Administration Transition Subcommittee membership have been selected during an orientation attended by over 120 professionals at the Kagman Community Center Monday night. The names of these professionals and the government entities that they will review have been transmitted by Governor-elect Juan N. Babauta to incumbent Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for dissemination to the applicable government agencies. Babauta and Lt. Gov.-elect Diego T. Benavente spoke to a full house of professionals who have volunteered their services to undertake comprehensive reviews of each government entity.

Nov. 21, 2002

### CPA implements more cost-cutting measures

The Commonwealth Ports Authority will implement tighter cost-cutting measures in financial year 2003 to prevent the erosion of its fiscal condition, hinting the possibility of streamlined functions at all CNMI airports. The ports authority also ordered restrictions on travel unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration-which is reimbursable-or unless the trips are to bring new businesses for the CPA or unless the travels are emergency and safety-related. A recently issued memorandum outlined the ports authority's planned austerity measures for FY2003. As part of this new program, the CPA will intensify the collection of money it has spent on security-related projects, which are up for reimbursement with the FAA. In the last financial year, the FAA awarded the CPA some \$500,000 in reimbursement for airport security-related expenses.

### NMI explains position on habitat plan

The CNMI's reluctance to the proposed designation of some 2,462 hectares of Rota's land for the preservation of the Marianas Crow centers mainly on the proposal's would-be impact on the island's major infrastructure projects: the unfinished Road 100 project and the designation of new homestead areas. Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero stated these concerns on behalf of CNMI leaders in a meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Honolulu last week.



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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE**

In accordance with Public Law 5-33, Section 4(b) (3) the Public Purpose Land Exchange Authorization Act, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to enter into an exchange agreement to certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the exchange of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 5-33, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- i. The purposed of the land exchange is to acquire a private property for public purpose. The private property is described as EA 852-1-1, containing an area of 5,820 square meters, more or less, situated in As-Lito, Saipan.
- ii. The public land to be exchange is described as Lot 099 D 22, containing an area of 5,820 square meters more or less, located in Navy Hill, Saipan.
- iii. The private property is owned by Ms. Brenda Cabrera Manglona a resident of Saipan.
- iv. A copy of the proposed land exchange agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan.
- v. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before December 14, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

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- iv. I kopian a maproponen i ma’atulaikan tano’ siña machule’ gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano’ Publiku, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan.
- v. I Secretarian i Depattamenton Tano’ Publiku para hu aksepta I tinigi’i opiñon, pat testimonion kinentra gi tinahguen i mapropone na ma’atulakan tano’ publiku antes osino gi dia Decembre 14, 2011 gi Depattamenton Tano’.

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- ii. The public land to be exchange is described as Lot 003 A 23, containing an area of 40,000 square meters more or less, located in Marpi, Saipan.
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- ii. Falúweer toulap yeel nge Lot No. 003 A 23, eyoor ruwabwúghúw eliigh me eew 40,000 lapel falúw ye, elo Marpi, Seipél.
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## We need to tackle student debt

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Soaring student debt is a problem that only Congress can answer. Until it acts, students and their families will keep falling deeper into debt.

For years, state support of higher education has dropped drastically, pushing tuitions up. At the same time, most American families have seen their incomes shrink, forcing them to borrow more and more if they want to send their kids to college. It's no wonder the total amount of money Americans owe for higher education is now more than what we owe on credit cards.

We need our colleges to thrive. An affordable college education has been a key to the rising standard of living that our country enjoyed for many decades. It provided us with educated workers who made our industries successful.

Access to college in the future would buffer our country from many of the shocks in the coming decades. We would be better prepared to support the new growth industries, and we would have voters better able to hold our public officials accountable.

Congress took a few steps in the last few years to address the student debt problem. It raised federal funding for higher education. When it passed President Obama's stimu-

lus package, it provided desperately needed funds for state colleges in 2010-11. Last year, Congress kicked the banks out of the subsidized student loan business. The Obama administration is now cracking down on for-profit colleges that have been pushing loans on unqualified students.

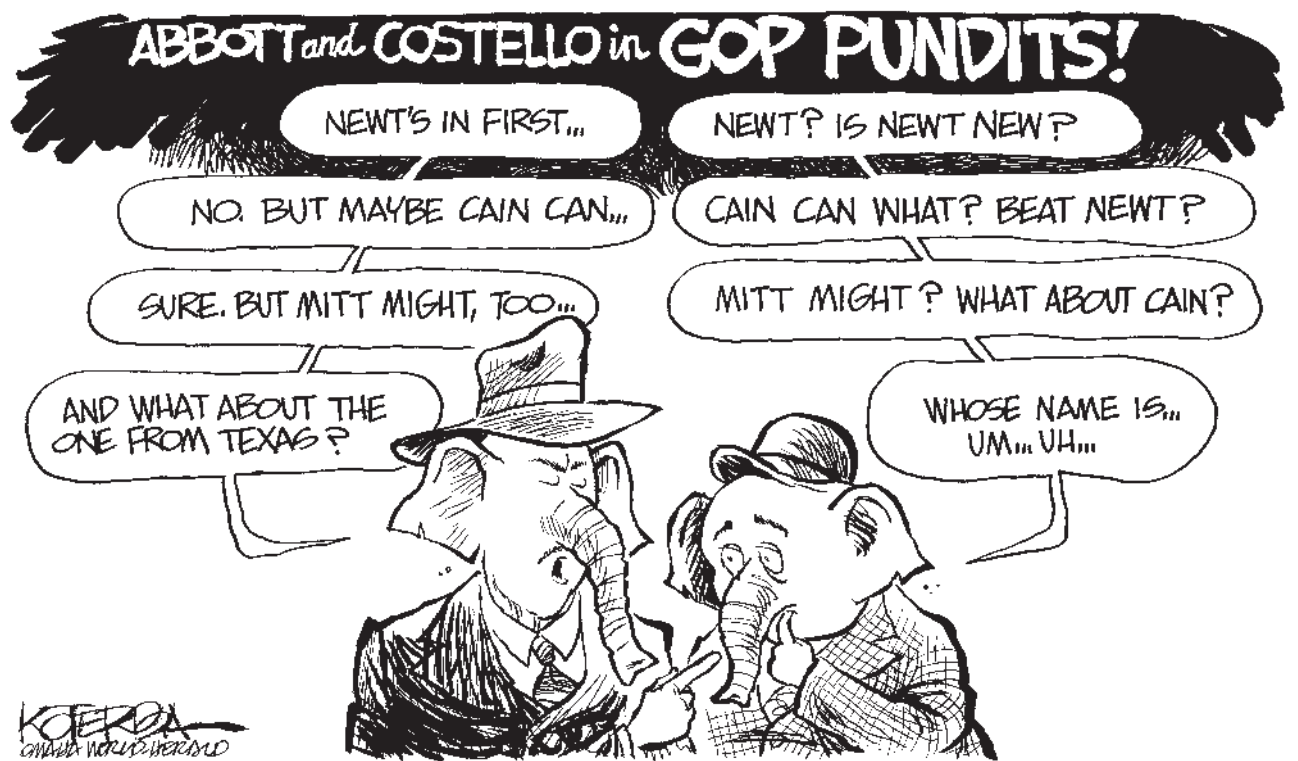
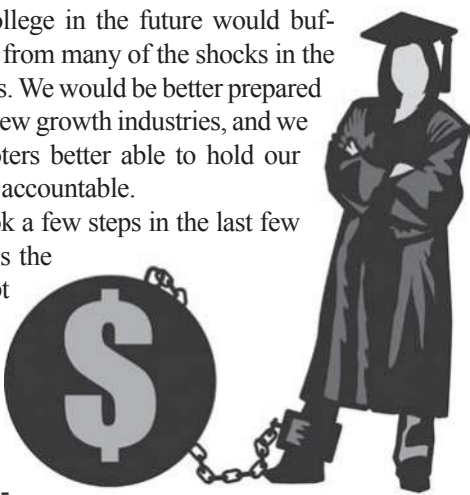
But Congress must do more. It needs to increase support for student loans. And it needs to provide more funding for state colleges that serve the most students.

To pay for this, Congress should eliminate the outrageous tax breaks that President Bush gave to the millionaires and billionaires. Educating the next generation is much more important than continually padding the bank accounts of the wealthy.

One last thing: Congress shouldn't focus on providing just glorified job training. Every American deserves access to real higher education so as to learn how to fulfill the responsibilities of citizenship and appreciate the cultural treasures that our ancestors have left to us.

Making college affordable is the best investment in our country's economic and political future. And it's the honorable thing to do for strapped students and families.

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## It is time for our awakening!

This morning I appeal to all of us that still care for this wonderful country and for ourselves to wake up. It is time to take control of our destiny and country. We have the freedom to make our choices as to what type of country we desire. But we seem to be faltering along the way. We are allowing others to tell us what and how we should do. Look where we are because of this. Please stand up and shout: *Basta!* No more! *Basta!*

Over the years we have been granted over a billion dollars since our association with the United States. Have we used it wisely? Do any of us care? Do any of us know that the U.S. gave us this year over \$200,000,000 for the improvement of the CNMI? Consider: we have the protection of the greatest nation in the world today and its generosity, but what are we doing with it? *Basta!* No more! *Basta!* Let's wake up and help ourselves!

No, I am not going to tell us what to do. We already know what to do. We already know what is wrong with our country. We already know the problems. We already know how we got into this mess and some of its solutions. But are we ready to take control and correct them?

Change and awakening must begin with me, the individual! I, the individual, must stand up and take responsibility. I, the individual, must demand change. As the I's become plural, the movement will begin. Until then it is all hot air and whining.

If we cannot answer the following with positive answers to the questions I raise, then we are not ready for change. If that is the case, then let's shut up and stop whining and admit that we are too weak or not concerned and accept what is happening and will continue to happen.

Am I being too blunt? Fine! Then step forward and help correct the problems. Or if you prefer, tell me to shut up—after all, who in the heck am I to tell us that we can improve our community and lives?

Do I ever examine where I am today and where I want to be tomorrow? Do I have pride in myself? In my work? In my country? Am I passionate about my work? Am I eager to change my life and fight for better times? Do I have the determination and desire to achieve my goals?

One of the first and most important steps is to get a job and become a member of the workforce. Despite the confusion, we must plunge in and demand work. If we look around we will notice that many nonresident workers will be leaving in a few weeks despite what we read about in the newspaper. How determined am I to get one of those vacant jobs? If I have a job, am I working with meaning?

Here is an idea that will very likely get us a job. The next time we go for a job interview, tell the interviewer that we are willing to work for free for one or two weeks. Tell him that we want to show him our determination to work and our ability. After the test period, he can either hire us or tell us no deal. But he will have seen us in action. Crazy? Try it and find out. Employers will be impressed with this determination. Let me know the results.

Be sure we have learned a skill or trade. The worst thing we can tell the interviewer is that we are willing to do anything. We must be definite in what we are seeking. If not, he will know that we are only a warm body and not a potentially good employee.

I am not suggesting a revolution. That can come at election time. I am urging us to begin with improving ourselves. I learned early in life that everything that happens or does not happen is because of

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me. If I improve myself and change my attitude, I change my surroundings. I can change my society only when I change myself.

Let me share 10 traits that leaders and successful people in all walks of life possess. When these traits are combined dreams turn into reality.

1. HOW WE THINK IS EVERYTHING. Let us always be positive. Think success, not failure. Beware of negative thoughts.
2. DECIDE UPON OUR TRUE DREAMS AND GOALS. Write down the specific goals and develop a plan to reach them. No one builds anything worthwhile without plans.
3. TAKE ACTION. Goals are nothing without action. Don't be afraid to get started. Just do it!
4. NEVER STOP LEARNING. Go back to school or read books. Get training and acquire skills. So easy today with the Internet available.
5. BE PERSISTENT AND WORK HARD. Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Never give up. Success is the steady realization of a worthy goal.
6. LEARN TO ANALYZE DETAILS. Get all the facts, all the input. Learn from our mistakes.
7. FOCUS OUR TIME AND MONEY. Don't let other people or things distract us.
8. DON'T BE AFRAID TO INNOVATE—BE DIFFERENT. Following the herd is a sure way to mediocrity.
9. DEAL AND COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE EFFECTIVELY. No person is an island. Learn to understand and motivate others.
10. BE HONEST AND DEPENDABLE—TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. Otherwise Nos. 1 to 9 won't matter.

The above 10 traits have proven to be the main road to success for a multitude of people. Couple them with a firm determination and desire to achieve our goals and we cannot fail. They have been my stepping stones to what small amount of success that has fallen into my life. That is why I feel so strongly about them.

Our motto to live by should be: *I will strive to do better tomorrow what I do well today!*

Let us enjoy our achievements, as well as our plans, whether large or small. Let us keep interested in our career, however humble. It is a real possession in this ever changing world. Lack of money is not a deterrent to achievement. However, money will come when we practice the 10 traits.

In closing, let us remember that with all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world! Be careful! Strive to be happy! The above is a lifetime pursuit. It's all up to me!

And remember to smile! It is a wonderful, contagious act. Smile and the world will smile back. Have a great week.



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## Shenyang slip slush sloshing away encounter

I went downtown from outskirt Daoyi Friday looking for a U.S. map for my English class of pilots heading for U.S. training. I was prepared for a two-hour bus trip. Instead, as China's northeast took its turn on what hit the U.S. northeast in October, a rainy day turned into a blizzard that would make a Canuck freeze in his muffs and miffs!

At the coffee shop where I took shelter after making my purchase at the local Xinhua bookstore, then back at the dorm where I watched the street crew pour salt on the increasingly slippery road six hours later, I reflected on the slush of today's news.

My pedagogy assumes that "image" is the unit of knowledge in our brains. The day's images began with U.S. President Barack Obama and Aussie PM Julia Gillard cozying it Down Under, sharing a peck, a podium, and promises as American foreign relations shift focus from the explosions of North Africa and the Middle East to the implosions in Southeast Asia where ASEAN's biggest trading partner is China. America sails its 7th fleet on the maritime lanes of China Sea, now permanently basing 2,500 combat-ready grunts with their Australian counterparts on Oz' northern territories. Pinoy Noynoy's *Kalayaan* (freedom) islands is counting on the consistency of oil thicker than the ebb and tide of diplomatic verbiage and is banking on Uncle Sam's muscles!

As Obama's Sino-aimed "play by the rules" missiles flew in Honolulu to placate his domestic audience this election campaign, and rubber darts were returned by China's Hu Jintao to save face, we are reminded of how much the images we live by, provided by the media, is all too contrived. Take the media "beating" Obama took in junking APEC's tradition of dressing up country executives in the traditional attire of the host country. The so-called Hawaiian shirt is a tourism creation that no self-respecting Hawaiian would drape on his back; the islands' *muu-muu* was the Christian missionary's cover to overly exposed *wahines*' thighs (Gillard might have preferred the hula skirt anyway), and on these in islands where cold might mean something up the mountain peaks but hardly noticed on the tropical

shores—in fact, the bikini in Waikiki rules—wearing granny attire is for the Congregationalists of New England.

South Korea is trying to pass the Korea-U.S. free trade zone legislation already signed into law in the U.S. but still to be ratified by the SK legislature that is finding widespread opposition for its alleged lopsided bias against local labor. Korean workers find inequity in having the markets of both sides open to each other's parity reach. With Korea's per capita income now among the world's top 10, it does not take much to imagine a U.S. company sub-contracting production in dirt cheap labor markets and bringing the products to Korean consumers, as similarly, Korean corporations can outsource labor for Korean products marketed in the U.S., at the competitive disadvantage of Korean (and we might add, American) local labor. Workers Myung Kim Son and Jin Ba Eun do not find a level playing field in the treaty. Nor do the OWS folks.

So the SoKor media is diverting attention to the Chinese trawlers caught fishing within 150 miles off Korea since that constitutes intrusion on the Law of the Sea's 200 exclusive economic zone provision! But Japan's Noda got the SK/China executives shaking hands at the ASEAN summit so the Hu-man factor is not lost.

A rare Hillary Clinton went into extra-diplomatic giggles when a half naked torch lighter darted across her news background at a local southeast Asian hotel, the only levity so far in this heavily slush-burdened day. Unless we count Saipan's persistent casino "messiah" still in the running but that involves real pain and faked laughter.

Taking the economist Kenneth Boulding's insight on images as the unit of knowledge, we say that when one person is within seeing/hearing distance to another, they "meet," and if they exchange information, they "recognize and/or acknowledge" each other's presence; if they express feelings and articulate ideas one to another, a "dialogue" occurs, and when one's existence intrudes on the existing image of another, an "encounter" oc-

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curs. Most academic lesson plans, and diplomatic gatherings, at best, aim for a dialogue. We are all shy and reluctant for real encounters.

In the East Asia Conference meeting, we are intrigued over the possibility that Obama and Wen Jiabao might actually have "encountered" each other, difficult as this may be in the present instance, given the structural adjustments required of both. Sixty percent of U.S. annual discretionary budget goes to military and related expenditures so Obama in this election year will flex his muscles and rattle sabers for the boots-and-cap and military-industrial complex denizens.

Hu Jintao on the tail end of his public service term, perhaps, a bit miffed with Obama's grandstanding on home turf, but lucid that China's economic development is hardly balanced and sustainable and needs another decade to add broad-based equity into the equation, only needs to flash a Hu-manly enigmatic Mona Lisa smirk, and leave the reworking of existing structures to the younger set of leaders. The amiable Premier Wen exits a year later so he can keep repeating his last name "Wen," which in Ilocano, means a definite "Yes." That puts him clearly in our corner of the "Yes we can" team!

I think Gaia this winter will slip slush sloshing away a lot!

## Letters to the Editor

### Thank you

The day is drawing near and I am finding my heart weighing heavier by the day. I am very aware that many of my dear friends who have become like members of my own family will be leaving Saipan for good. I will be missing your warm smiles and cheerful greetings. I will be eternally grateful to the many of you who would go out of your way to assist me in whatever it was that I needed in your place of employment.

I know there are many times you are saddened by news of home, whether it be an illness in the family or the nervous anticipation of a major storm headed toward your hometowns, yet you still perform your duties appearing unaffected. I, for one, cannot even begin to imagine the heartaches and the homesickness you feel everyday knowing you had to leave very young children, even infants. Leaving your children to help raise other peoples' children was undoubtedly torturous but you made the best of your situations and loved our children as if your very own. Our mother also was cared for by countless others who were not her children, not of these islands, yet loved her with an abundance of patience and compassion. We have been indeed blessed.

I am so very sorry to see you leave, but know that my family and I are extremely appreciative in this season of thanksgiving for all your labor and sacrifices. I wish with all sincerity that I could do more to make this transition easier for all. I can only offer my prayers, though, that you are blessed abundantly in the days ahead and that all the uncertainties that trouble you now are allayed soon.

*Dankulu na si yu'us ma'ase* to my extended family. *Adios* and may God be with you all.

**Jean Sablan**

*via email*

## Equal employment

It's weird that as the year comes to an end, the people of the CNMI are seeing job fairs for employment opportunity for the local people. Did you know that most of these employers would advertise job openings but apparently has someone already selected for such position? Usually these are people who need to hold a CW status before the Nov. 27 deadline. I have sympathy toward people who holds a CW status but their employers need to know the exact definition of "equal opportunity employment!"

**John Arriola**

*Koblerville, Saipan*

## Sentadan Noche Buena Antes

Esta ennau kase i mediu sisienta siha na sakan, i sentadan Noche Buena trabiha gaige gi manñe na preniparan nana gi kusina mientras gaige i tropa gi misan gayu.

Abundansia putahen prefektu sentadan natibu sa' la-megai ha' trabiha umususune i gualu guihe na tiempu. Tai malefaghu nu i sigiente siha na boka Chamorro: Atulin atmayas, pinada' titiyas mai'es, tininon fresku yan tinala' guihan yan katne; buñelus dagu, kaddun manog fresku ni magolaye puntan kalamasa 'sino choda yan dagu; mutsiyas; b-steak Chamorro babue yan guaka; yan ka'et pañglau.

Guaha lokue' kaddun ayuyu yan pañglau; atmondigas; hinetnon babue; kaddiyu; saibog dagu, kamute, nika, gadu' yan choddan tanduke; tamales gisu; kelaguen tiau; fritadan babue, guaka yan chiba; eskabechi'; charakiles; hinegsa' balensiana; ahu; atulin harina; buchibuchin papaya yan kalamasa; bukayu; apigigi'; yan tamales mendioka, suni yan chodda. Ti todú este mangaige gi amotsan finagpo' misan gayu. Lau guiya este siha i sessu manmaprepara para i haanen gupot Noche Buena.

Gi antigu na soñgsoñ Chamorro, i familia ha pega buñelus dagu gi kanastra gi papa' bintanan i gima' para uson i kumonduse i Niño para i gima' niha kon agradesimientu ni animon niha. Guaha ha' lokue' prumepara fina' amotsan taloane para i grupo. Sumen namagof na dinaña desde tutuhon preparasion neñkanu' estake monhayon todus i che'chu'. Sen ma'gas este na selebrasion yan kinahulu' i Saina gi haanen pasgua.

Hu chage man-ayuda preparason neñkanu gi halom man-amku'. Magahet hu baba i talañgahu pot para bai' ekuñgog akunsehun mañainata, grasiosu siha na estorian niha, na'an putahen neñkanu, finu' Chamorro ni nuebu hu huñgog tat kumu guahnon 'sino heddan. Yangin un' lelegua' i atuli ya tinanahoñg tineug'ña, pues siempre guahnon i atuli--mi hanom ya ha nesessita mas minesklan harina. I man-amku' mamente atuñgu' niha ni heddan esta i chetnotña--kume ilegña ti amtiyun. Lau taya mas hu sen agradesi i finu niha kumu mantoa' na manfinu' Chamorro, i doblada yan sustansiau na akonsehu.

Mas ma-umenta i numeron linau guine gi alacha desde Fukushima, Japon; Okinawa, Indonesia, Turkey yan 'nos kuantos estadus giya Amerika. Este na ira kulan ha estototbayu' sa' gaige iya Marianas rinidonduye ni mafanana'an Ring of Fire. Gaige taduñg hoyun halom tasi gi papa' Guam, hayan iya Marianas hulu' esta Japon yan papa' esta iya Filipinas.

Nachatsaga sa' 'nai mapa i ligan ka'ka' halom tasi giya Indonesia, ayu chumoneg hinalom pipinu' na tasi ni dumestrosia un' lugat ya megai man-pininu'. Yangin masusede ya mapa un' lugan kaka' tasi

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gi hayan iya Marianas, kau destrosiau para hita? Estague' un' asuntu ni debi tana' guaha preparasion pot siakassu na masusede.

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I ekonomian enteru elmundu kulan inagoden kadena. Gigon basnag un' nasion, ha batsala papa' i otro siha na ekonomia. Pot essu na todú sumosoyu' nasion siha giya Uropa na u aregla pottanmonedan niha 'sino dañosu lokue' i pumalu siha na ekonomia.

Iya Marianas ginen un' tiempu bibu makinaña. Lau 'nai ha disatende inapagat federat, ma-amot ni fuetsan immigrasion sin diten-sion. Desde 1976 ma-abisa iya Marianas na mampos bula empleau ginen hiyoñg ya yangin malago' na u sustene industriian magagu, pues debi i fakteria siha u emplea amanu i siña na tautau tanu gi disiente na sueddu.

Tinatiye este 'nai halagnos siha i mas man-dañkulu na kompanian Japon ya ha chule' huyoñg kase \$5-7 biyon pesos ni hagas lumiliku' guine. Todú i dos masusede gi papa' administrasion Juan N. Babauta. Ya dispues gai lala'et si pindehu sumañgan na mamauleg ha' i ekonomian iya Marianas. Guaha chichoña mauleg pot para u tohne i ha yamag na ekonomia guine?

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Guaha 54 mas na familia guine u faliñgu gima' niha gigon man-ma-amot ni NMHC. I pinadesen este siha na familia entre mantai che'chu' 'sino manfinalulun ni ma-utot sueddon niha gi papa' mafanana'an "austerity" 'nai ma-utot 16 oras ginen pagamienton niha. Este na pinadese finañagun bahun ekonomia. I kuestion: Guaha fina' ausiliu ginen i man-ma'gasta para u fan ma-ayuda este siha na tautuata? Na la agañg sa' mampos oppan lai.

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Yangin hayumu umeskapaye i asuntu pot apacha' sensiamu, ennau na che'chu' tramposu siempre un' finañague dispues. Klaro i aplacha' sensiamu gi che'chu' linahyan. Kinihahaye hau gi oppan na manera na ti listu hau man-ayuda gi hilu' dinanche, tunas yan gasga na manera soluke para un' ayudan maisa hau ginen minasahalom i otro ni un' sakrifisia. Haf' na ma'añau hau ni anineñgmu? Na ti pesasa anineñg todus gi kada minachom atdau?



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼76
Yap	Showers	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲84 ▼78

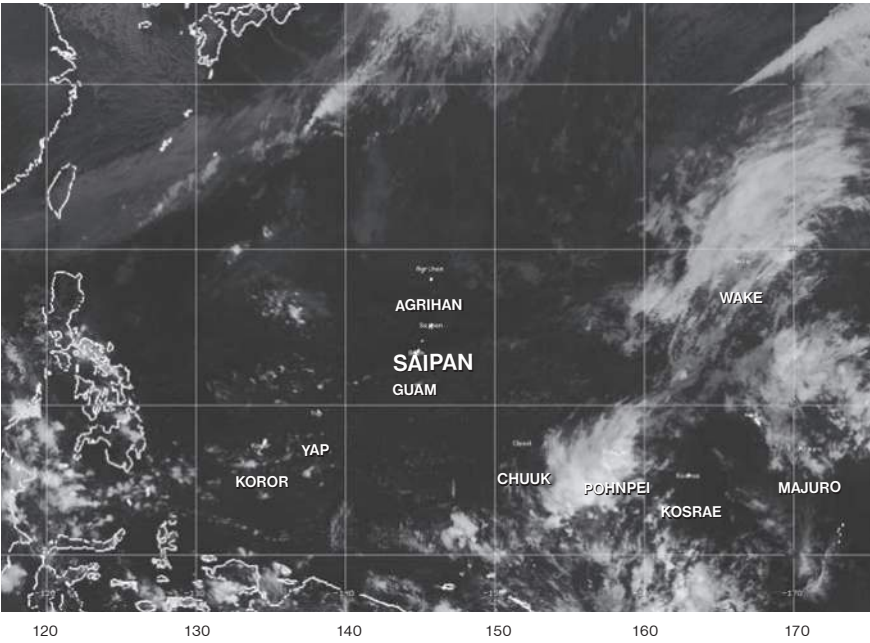
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼60
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲50 ▼27
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼69
Honolulu	Showers	▲83 ▼73
London	Showers	▲57 ▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼46
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲68 ▼52
Miami	Showers	▲80 ▼71
New York	Showers	▲51 ▼46
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲57 ▼47
Paris	Showers	▲56 ▼40
Pusan	Sunny	▲55 ▼40
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼50
Salem	Showers	▲49 ▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼48
Seoul	Sunny	▲49 ▼31
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲60 ▼45
Washington, DC	Showers	▲56 ▼51

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
3:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
10:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 3N130E to a weak circulation southeast of Chuuk centered near 5N153E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Chuuk and near Pohnpei to the south of line from 3N146E to 10N159E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 9N and 15N from 168E to 173E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers east of Majuro between 6N and 11N from 174E to the date line. A shear line stretches southwestward from 25N166E to end north of Chuuk near 14N150E. A large upper-level trough also extends to the southwest from 25N162E to end near 12N147E. These features are generating cloudiness, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Wake Island between 14N and 25N from 159E to 172E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:54 AM	2:10 PM
Tuesday	2:53 AM	2:57 PM
Wednesday	3:54 AM	3:47 PM
Thursday	4:57 AM	4:42 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	5:41 PM

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C05062 2:10am 2:40am 1, 5	C05064 5:15am 5:45am 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)</b>	<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)</b>
C05064 4:15am 4:50am 1, 5	C05062 3:10am 3:45am 1, 5
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>	<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>
C05070 4:15am 5:45am 1, 5 via ROP	C05062 2:10am 3:45am 1, 5 via ROP
C05070 4:35am 5:25am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	C05069 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05068 8:25am 9:15am Daily	C05071 7:00am 7:50am Daily
C05074 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7	C05073 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05076 3:10pm 4:00pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05075 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C05078 6:50pm 7:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05077 5:30pm 6:20pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05078 7:00pm 7:50pm 3, 6	C05077 5:40pm 6:30pm 3, 6
C05072 9:55pm 10:45pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C05079 8:35pm 9:25pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05072 10:05pm 10:55pm 3, 6	C05079 8:45pm 9:35pm 3, 6

<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>	<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>
DL287 6:00am 8:35am Daily	DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily
DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily	DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily

<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>	<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>
OZ606 2:10am 6:00am 1	OZ603 9:00am 2:20pm Daily
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OZ604 3:20pm 7:10pm Daily	OZ605 8:10pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>	<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>
OZ608 3:35am 7:05am 4, 7	OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 3, 6

<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>	<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>
3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5

<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>	<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>
3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7

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DL287/173 6:00am 10:25pm Daily via NRT	C0190/5079 10:55am 9:35pm 3, 6 via GUM
C05068/183 8:25am 9:25pm 2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605 12:45pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN
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C05076/183 3:10pm 9:25pm 2, 5 via GUM	PR110/C05071 10:15pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
C05076/183 3:10pm 9:40pm 1, 4, 7 via GUM	C0192/5071 10:25pm 7:50am+1 2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05076/193 3:10pm 11:00pm 2, 5 via GUM-Palau	C0184/5071 11:10pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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C05072/PR111 10:05pm 7:50am 3, 6 via GUM	

<b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b>	<b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>
OZ606/721 2:10am 12:00pm 1 via ICN	OZ724/603 12:30am 2:20pm Daily via ICN
OZ606/721 2:40am 12:00pm 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605 1:15pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN
C05076/179 3:05pm 10:25pm 1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605 1:15pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/723 3:20pm 10:30pm Daily via ICN	C0180/5071 11:15pm 7:50am+1 1, 5 via GUM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



# Obama makes brief refueling stop in Guam

**HAGATÑA, Guam**—President Barack Obama on Saturday made a brief refueling stop in Guam en route to Washington, D.C. after a weeklong trip to the Asia-Pacific region, according to a statement released by the office of Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo.

"Our office was notified earlier of the President's tentative itinerary and that no events were planned. Our office was asked to refer any questions to the White House press office, and we recognize the many considerations regarding the President's movements, his security, and the substantial logistical issues surrounding his schedule," the statement says.

Bordallo was not invited to meet the President at an event that excluded other local leaders but she was invited to accompany the President back to Washington on Air Force One, and she greatly appreciates the invitation.

"We accept the explanation that this stopover precluded such an event for various security and logistics reasons. The congresswoman intends to convey the 'Team Guam' approach to issues important to our island if she has a meeting with the President, ensuring that our voices will be heard and our concerns will have his personal attention during the flight back to Washington, D.C.," the statement adds.

"I recently met with President Obama during a meeting with



AP  
U.S. President Barack Obama waves as he boards Air Force One to leave Denpasar on the island of Bali, Indonesia, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011.

the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and invited him to consider visiting Guam during his trip to Asia and Australia. While this is not the visit that we had hoped for, I appreciate every opportunity the President has to be reminded of Guam's importance to our great nation. I believe that traveling onboard Air Force One was a gracious gesture by President Obama, and I am grateful for his invitation," said Bordallo. "I will discuss Guam

war claims, the military buildup, the Guam-CNMI visa waiver program, and Compact Impact, among other issues, with the President. I will use this opportunity to advance Guam's interests and to give the President a sense of our hopes for our future. I will also reiterate my invitation for a more substantial presidential visit to Guam in the future that will involve our local leaders, civilian community, and our military partners." (PR)

## Ex-A. Samoa official conspires to steal \$325K in AmeriCorps funds

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The former executive director of the American Samoa Special Services Commission pleaded guilty Friday to conspiracy to steal more than \$325,000 in AmeriCorps grant funds, according to assistant attorney general Lanny A. Breuer of the Justice Department's Criminal Division.

Mine S. Pase, 62, of Pago Pago, American Samoa, pleaded guilty to a one-count criminal information in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton.

According to court documents, Pase served as the commission's executive director sometime between March 2001 and October 2010. As an agency of the American Samoa government, the commission administered community-based programs and services for the benefit of the people of American Samoa, including tutoring, literacy training, conservation efforts and counseling. To fund its mission, the commission relied exclusively on AmeriCorps grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Sometime from January 2002 through October 2010, the commission and its programs received a total of \$9,416,698 in AmeriCorps grant funds.

Pase admitted that she arranged for herself, commissioners, commission staff, and others to receive federal grant funds for their personal benefit. According to court documents, Pase and her staff received \$109,532 in federal grant funds for official business trips that they did not take. In addition, among other things, Pase, commissioners, and commission staff received about \$78,889 in federal grant funds to pay for retreats to Apia, Western Samoa, and separately spent \$89,313 on meals for the commission's staff, when Pase knew that such expenditures were not authorized under the grants and that the commission had no legal authority to use the funds in that manner.

According to court documents, Pase arranged for her and her family members to receive \$28,009 as payment for office space used by commission programs that was severely damaged and in need of repairs. In addition, Pase's daughter also re-

ceived \$19,665 as payments under a bogus "lease agreement," when in fact Pase owned and controlled the vehicle that was purportedly being leased by the commission.

Pase admitted that she knew at the time that she and others had no legal entitlement to receive these federal grant funds and she had no intention of repaying the money to the commission or the federal government, or requiring others to repay the money.

The charge of conspiracy to commit theft of federal grant funds carries a maximum prison sentence of five years and a \$250,000 fine. Sentencing has been scheduled for March 23, 2012, before Judge Walton.

The case is being prosecuted by trial attorney Edward J. Loya Jr. of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section. The case is being investigated by special agents of the Office of Inspector General for the Corporation for National and Community Service, with assistance from special agents of the FBI-Honolulu Division, American Samoa Resident Agency. (FBI)



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### CUC-RFEI-12-001

#### Requests for Expressions of Interest For the Purchase or Operation of Public Utilities (A Non-Binding, Informal Market Survey)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), a public corporation, is interested in the potential for privatization of its services. Desired is for interested firms, individuals, or groups to present an "Expression of Interest" for the privatization and/or transfer of CUC Utility Services. Expressions of Interest may include in whole, in part, or in business sector: direct purchase, operating contract schemes, and/or utility agency or co-operative formation(s) for the Electrical Power Generation Systems, Electrical Transmission and Distribution Systems, and Water and Wastewater Utility Services.

*The Request for Expressions of Interest is an exploratory project in order to survey market interest in owning and/or operating the utility. It is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and/or acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those replying.*

The CUC invites suitably qualified utility owners and operators with proven records of accomplishment in power generation, transmission, distribution, and water and wastewater utility ownership and operations to submit an EOI to purchase and operate the referenced CUC operations and facilities. CUC will review all Expressions of Interests received, and based in part on these submittals, will decide on whether to pursue privatization further. This EOI is an exploratory survey of market interest only.

The CUC-RFEI-12-001 packet will be e-mailed, upon request, to all interested offeror, by the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

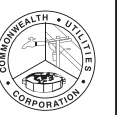
**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEI-12-001" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 16, 2011 (ChST). Late submission will not be considered.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on December 12, 2011 to Alan Fletcher, Deputy Director for Water/Wastewater via email alan.fletcher@cucgov.org; Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika.muna@cucgov.org. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective respondents who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-12-002

##### Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DEQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

**One (1) original and Six (6)** hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-12-002, CUC Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)**. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 17, 2011** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net; Janina Muna, Administrative Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email mika.muna@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager via email cuclabman@yahoo.com

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



# Business

## 'It's time to start farming all available lands in NMI'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

A specialty crops producer from Rota urged farmers in the CNMI to "stop complaining and start working" and work toward exporting specialty crops from the islands to bring in more revenue and improve the agriculture industry in the Commonwealth.

"The market has been available for years. It's just that we're not doing anything. We're just complaining and that's our problem. So get your ass up and start working," Frank Atalig, president of TJ Enterprise, said on Thursday.

Atalig was the keynote speaker at the 1st CNMI Specialty Crop Conference hosted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Northern Marianas College Community Development Institute held at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Hibiscus Hall.

The conference theme was "Strengthening Specialty Crops Competitiveness & Marketability."

Atalig said people in the CNMI "talk too much" and complain about the government but do "too little."

"When do we change that attitude?" asked Atalig. "We should just blame ourselves for not doing anything."

He called on local farmers to "farm the lands available" instead of getting "mad" at foreign nationals who are earning income in the CNMI by working on available lands to produce crops.

Atalig said the Commonwealth should focus on exporting its specialty crops such as the hot pepper to bring in



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Panelists Nick Nishikawa of the Hotel Association of the NMI, David Sablan of Century Insurance, and Wolf Mojica of Duty Free Shoppers listen to a participant during the 1st CNM Specialty Crop Conference held Thursday at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan. Inset shows keynote speaker Frank Atalig.



"fresh revenue from the outside within our economy."

"It's something whereby we can turn our natural resources available within the CNMI and exporting it, thereby bringing in revenue from the outside," he said.

With the abundance of breadfruit on the islands, Atalig said it could be a potential specialty crop which, when given added value like turning it into flour, can bring in more revenue for the CNMI.

The conference also discussed agricultural issues such as specialty crops program and promotions, agri-tourism, quality assurance marketing, and specialty crop market partnerships.

## Pacific food entrepreneurs find new uses for old ingredients

**SUVA, Fiji**—Ni-Vanuatu food entrepreneur Votausi Mackenzie-Reur has, quite literally, put her money where her mouth is. A longtime champion of local produce, she's the force behind Lapita Cafe, a company based in Port Vila that manufactures snacks and flour made from island staples like manioc, taro and canarium nuts.

For years, Votausi operated a renowned eatery, serving local food, which caught the attention of travel guidebooks. It was here that she saw the need for value-added food products made from traditional produce bought directly from the country's farmers. That was in 2002.

Today, Lapita Cafe's ginger and coconut cookies and manioc chips are served on Air Vanuatu's domestic and international flights, while the Lapita brand prepares to break into Australian and New Zealand markets. In fact, Lapita was recently cho-

sen to be part of the 'True Pacific' brand, a new campaign by the Pacific Cooperation Foundation that is promoting high quality goods of Pacific Island origin to consumers in New Zealand.

For the past two years, Votausi has worked closely with the European Union-funded Facilitating Agricultural Commodity Trade, or EU-FACT, project on improving food safety and quality, developing products for export, and new packaging. Implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the EU-FACT project supports commercial ventures and producer groups in becoming export-oriented, market-driven enterprises that will consistently supply overseas markets



SPC  
Ni-Vanuatu food entrepreneur Votausi Mackenzie-Reur inspects manioc chips drying in the sun.

with competitive agricultural and forestry products. Running since 2008, it provides techni-

cal assistance across an enterprise's entire supply chain.

Another Pacific enterprise that is finding new uses for old ingredients and that specializes in value-added food products is the Howman family business, T.H. Plantation, based in Apia. The enterprise makes popular chips from fresh bananas, taro and breadfruit purchased from Samoa's rural farmers. Here, too, the EU-FACT project assisted with improved processing techniques and the renovation of processing facilities to meet international standards.

An interesting fact for banana growers—both Lapita Cafe and T.H. Plantation produce banana chips but they use different varieties; Lapita Cafe favors plantains while T.H. Plantation uses the Cavendish variety.

Solomon Islanders have a long-held tradition of taking a gift of *ngali* nuts when visiting a neighboring tribe or village. These nuts, produce of the evergreen tree canarium, have been frequently identified as one of the most promising underdeveloped export market opportunities in Melanesia. Now, Richard Pauku of Maraghoto Holdings in Honiara runs a small, family-owned business that works closely with rural communities to the commercialize the production of *ngali* and other indigenous nuts and fruits such as beach almond, cutnut, Tahitian chestnut and breadfruit. When dried, these nuts are used in commercial nut mixtures. Canarium nut oil can also be used to make body care products, and plans are under way to begin exports in 2012.

The EU-FACT project has assisted Maraghoto in a number of ways, including increasing and ensuring consistent nut supply through developing improved tree stock and supporting the recently formed Nut Growers Association of Solomon Islands, constructing solar air nut driers

and processing equipment, up-grading processing and storage facilities, training local staff in food safety and quality assurance and grading, and developing local and export markets.

Rich in vitamins A and C, the pandanus fruit has also been processed. Nourishing juice and baby food products are made by a Majuro-based company, Robert Reimers Enterprises, for the local market and as carry-on exports through Marshall Islanders travelling to the United States. Current company managing director, Ramsey Reimers, sought assistance from the EU-FACT project to develop new products; to conduct supply chain and marketing analyses; and to improve plant stock and replanting, management and marketing skills, food safety standards and packaging.

The pandanus fruit is also traditionally consumed in Kiribati, and SPC has helped develop new pandanus fruit juice products.

A new use has also been found for the sap of the coconut flower and toddy. Coconut sugar is gaining international appeal as a low GI (glycemic index) food and is being produced by the Kiribati Organic Farmers Association, assisted by the EU-FACT project.

*Kamaimai* or coconut sap syrup is another promising product, with potential as a natural sweetener similar to golden syrup or maple syrup. This is good news for the low-lying atolls in Kiribati, where toddy and *kamaimai* are traditionally prepared but where there are few natural exports.

A side benefit to using traditional ingredients in new food products is the crossover appeal in high value niche markets, such as Lapita Cafe's line of wheat and gluten-free snacks and flours made with manioc flour, coconut, canarium nut and pawpaw. These have tremendous potential in the Australasian market where consumers with food allergies pay a premium for similar products. (*Secretariat of the Pacific Community*)



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2011-X-063 submitted by Galaide Development, LLC for the construction of Phase I of the Galaide Estate Villas located in Chalan Galaide, Saipan, lots H 22-1, H22-2, H 22-R2 and H22-3 R/W. The project calls for the development of approximately 14,000 square meters of private property for the construction of eleven (11) residences.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 6:30 P.M. at the CRM Conference room.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review or comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM office located in the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will become part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you require further information regarding this project and/or public hearing.

RITA C. CHONG-DELA CRUZ  
Administrator  
Coastal Resources Management



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### OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

#### APPROXIMATELY 14,666 SQ. FT. PRIME OFFICE SPACE

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF) is soliciting proposals to lease approximately 14,666 square feet of prime office space on the second and third floors (approximately 7000 sq.ft. per floor) of the Retirement Fund Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. Ideally located across from the Governor's Office and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the building has a backup generator, 24-hour water service, and ample parking space for employees and visitors. Space is available for viewing immediately.

Minimum acceptable terms include the following:

- Per square foot per month, Triple Net (higher for less than full available footage);
- Lessee responsible for own utilities, as well as cost to separately meter;
- 24 months minimum lease term; and
- First month, last month and reasonable security deposit required (amount depends on credit history and financial strength of Lessee).

All proposals are subject to acceptance by the NMIRF Board of Trustees in its sole discretion.

/s/ RICHARD S. VILLAGOMEZ  
Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund



# Nation

## Passive Occupy protesters take pepper spray blast

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Protesters sitting on the ground supporting the Occupy Wall Street movement on the campus of the University of California, Davis took a face full of pepper spray at close range from an officer in riot gear in an incident that was captured on cellphone video and spread virally across the Internet Saturday.

UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi described the video images as “chilling” and said she was forming a task force to investigate even as a faculty group called for her resignation because of the police action Friday.

However, a law enforcement official who watched the clip called the use of force “fairly standard police procedure.”

In the video, an officer dis-

passionately pepper-sprays a line of several sitting protesters who flinch and cover their faces but remain passive with their arms interlocked as on-lookers shriek and scream out for the officer to stop.

“The use of the pepper spray as shown on the video is chilling to us all and raises many questions about how best to handle situations like this,” Chancellor Linda Katehi said in a message posted on the school’s website Saturday.

The protest was held in support of the overall Occupy Wall Street movement and in solidarity with protesters at the University of California, Berkeley who were jabbed by police with batons on Nov. 9.

The UC Davis video images, which were circulated on YouTube and widely elsewhere online, prompted immediate out-

In this image made from video, a police officer uses pepper spray as he walks down a line of Occupy demonstrators sitting on the ground at the University of California, Davis on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011.

rage among faculty and students, with the Davis Faculty Association saying in a letter Saturday that Katehi should resign.

“The Chancellor’s role is to enable open and free inquiry, not to suppress it,” the faculty association said in its letter.

It called Katehi’s authorization of police force a “gross failure of leadership.”

At a news conference later on Saturday, Katehi said what the video shows is “sad and really very inappropriate.” The events surrounding the protest have been hard on her personally, but she had no plans to resign, she said.



## Officials say 32 homes destroyed in Reno fire

**RENO, Nev. (AP)**—Austin and Sarah Hardage were getting their first look at the charred rubble that used to be their home Saturday afternoon when a U.S. Postal Service truck pulled up.

“At least we still have a mailbox,” Austin Hardage, 23, joked as he ran down the driveway to grab the mail.

He then explained how they awoke to a smoky, orange glow through the windows about 2 a.m. Friday before joining nearly 10,000 other southwest Reno residents in an evacuation.

Their home is among the 32 that were destroyed by the

unusual, out-of-season blaze that spread by gale force winds and ripped through the Sierra foothills.

Gov. Brian Sandoval was among a number of leaders who opined on Saturday that it was a miracle that scores more homes weren’t lost.

“This was not only a wild land, urban-interface type fire, it was also a metro fire where we had homes that were actively burning in densely populated areas,” Reno Fire Chief Mike Hernandez said.

Many families “had to leave in the middle of the night with

very, very limited possessions and they are coming back to devastation, to nothing,” he said. “So our hearts and prayers go out to those families.”

With flames speeding down the hillside behind the Hardages’ house, they decided to grab some clothes and the pets and flee at about 2 a.m.

“Three computers, two dogs and two rabbits. That’s pretty much all we have now,” Austin Hardage said Saturday, his voice giving way to some tears.

“I’m sorry,” he told a reporter. “It hadn’t really hit me until I start talking about it.”

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Truck strikes Yale-Harvard tailgaters, killing 1

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)**—A driver of a U-Haul truck carrying beer kegs through a tailgating area before the Yale-Harvard game Saturday suddenly accelerated, fatally striking a 30-year-old Massachusetts woman and injuring two other women, police said. It’s not clear why the driver sped up, New Haven Police spokesman David Hartman said. The truck then crashed into other U-Haul vans in the lot, an open playing field used for pre-game tailgating parties before Yale home games in New Haven. Hartman said the driver was in police custody.

#### Some Va. sex offenders held long after sentence up

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)**—Having already served their sentences, hundreds of Virginia sex offenders are held behind bars for months - some for years - while waiting to see whether they’ll be sent to a psychiatric center indefinitely, an Associated Press review has found.

Judges acting on the requests of both prosecutors and defense attorneys routinely shrug off the legal deadline for making that decision, leaving the inmates in limbo well beyond their designated punishment and without access to the very kind of treatment the state says they may need. Attorneys and authorities blame the delays on court backlogs and note that in some cases, the postponements benefit the inmates.

#### McDonald’s, Target drop egg supplier

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—McDonald’s and Target dropped one of the nation’s largest egg suppliers after an animal rights group released an undercover video of the egg producer’s farms in three states. McDonald’s Corp. said Friday it had dropped Sparboe Farms as a supplier after a video by the group Mercy for Animals showed cases of animal cruelty at five facilities in Iowa, Minnesota and Colorado. Target Corp. soon followed, saying it would pull eggs from the Litchfield, Minn.-based com-

pany off its shelves. Sparboe produces 300 million eggs a year, in regular, liquid, frozen and dried form, and ships them to restaurants and stores across the country.

#### Truck driver indicted in July death of Amish girl

**HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP)**—A truck driver has been indicted on a reduced charge in a crash that killed a 3-year-old Amish girl who was riding in a buggy. The grand jury in Christian County indicted 53-year-old Mark Bohms on Friday on a charge of reckless homicide, according to the Kentucky New Era. Originally police had charged him with murder and driving under the influence. The latter charge was dismissed. His attorney, Rick Boling, said he client did not commit any crime and the indictment surprised him. Bohms was driving a tractor-trailer on July 8 when he came up on the buggy as he crested a hill in Hopkinsville. He says he attempted to change lanes, but couldn’t avoid the crash that killed 3-year-old Barbara Smoker.



### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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#### AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011 to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not “responsive and responsible”, their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a Certified Check, or a Cashier’s Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price. Checks shall be made payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ  
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Date: November 9, 2011



## World

## Seif al-Islam Gadhafi is captured in southern Libya

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**ZINTAN, Libya (AP)**—Moammar Gadhafi's former heir apparent Seif al-Islam was captured by revolutionary fighters in the southern desert Saturday just over a month after his father was killed, setting off joyous celebrations across Libya and closing the door on the possibility that the fugitive son could stoke further insurrection.

Seif al-Islam—who has undergone a transformation from a voice of reform in an eccentric and reviled regime to one of Interpol's most-wanted—now faces the prospect of trial before an international or Libyan court to answer for the alleged crimes of his late father's four-decade rule over the oil-rich North African nation.

Thunderous celebratory gunfire shook the Libyan capital of Tripoli and other cities after Libyan officials said Seif al-Islam, who has been charged by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, had been detained wearing traditional Tuareg clothing about 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of the town of Obari in an area that borders Niger, Mali and Algeria.

A photograph was widely circulated showing the 39-year-



In this image from Libyan Television, Seif al-Islam Gadhafi, left, is guarded by a Libyan fighter as he is transported to Zintan, Libya, by a transport aircraft following his capture near the Niger border early Saturday, Nov. 19 2011.

old son, who had been the last wanted Gadhafi family member to remain at large, in custody, sitting by a bed and holding up three bandaged fingers as a guard looks on. Osama Juwaid, a spokesman for the fighters from Zintan who made the arrest, said it was an old injury caused by a NATO airstrike and the detainee was otherwise in good health.

"I am hopeful that the capture of Gadhafi's son is the beginning of a chapter of transparency and democracy and freedom," Libya's interim Prime Minister Abdurrahim el-Keib at a news conference in the western mountain town of Zintan, where Seif al-Islam was taken after his capture.

It was unclear what would

happen next, with the international community urging Libyan authorities to ensure he is treated humanely and to cooperate with the ICC on bringing him to trial.

The emergence of Seif al-Islam as the only Gadhafi in custody to face justice posed a major test of the interim government's commitment to human rights and the rule of law. The murky circumstances surrounding the deaths of the reviled Libya leader and another son Muatassim on Oct. 20, and the decision to lay their bodies out for public viewing drew widespread criticism.

ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo told The Associated Press that he will travel to Libya next week for talks with the

## Filipino police to fingerprint arrested ex-leader

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine police on Saturday prepared to take mugshots and fingerprints of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo after arresting her in a hospital room on electoral fraud charges.

Seventeen months after stepping down, Arroyo became the second ex-Philippine president to face trial. She denies wrongdoing and accuses authorities of preventing her from seeking overseas medical treatment for a bone ailment.

Police served an arrest warrant in Arroyo's 16th-floor hospital suite late Friday.

It capped a day of legal drama in which the Supreme Court upheld her right to travel but a lower court later accepted the formal charges against her. The government rushed the case in court, saying Arroyo may be trying to evade justice.

Police official James Bucayu, who served the warrant, said Arroyo will be booked in her hospital room Saturday "when she is ready."

He said the former president was lying down Friday and did not speak.

"She only nodded when we read her warrant of arrest and violation for electoral sabotage," he said. "We left two policemen there as guards after verifying other possible exits in

the room."

Her lawyer, Ferdinand Topacio, said the government had filed fabricated charges with "indecent haste." He said he would start filing appeals when courts reopen Monday.

Arroyo, 64, has been recovering in a hospital since her failed attempt to leave the country Tuesday, and Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said she will remain confined to her hospital room.

"They are not going to, let's say, handcuff her and take her out of the room," de Lima said. "We will not object to hospital arrest."

Arroyo successor and staunch critic, President Benigno Aquino III, was overwhelmingly elected on promises to rid the Philippines of corruption and has said he wants to start with Arroyo.

The election fraud charges carry a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison. Arroyo legal spokesman Raul Lambino said the case against her "is a high form of injustice."

The charges stem from allegations that Arroyo conspired with officials to tamper with results of 2007 congressional polls to favor her candidates.

She was accused of having direct knowledge of massive cheating in an autonomous Muslim region in the southern Philippines, the country's

poorest and notoriously corrupt region.

A probe this year by the Senate Electoral Tribunal found that an Arroyo ally, Miguel Zubiri, benefited from fake ballots. He resigned his Senate seat in favor of an opposition candidate.

Two witnesses—an election supervisor and a former governor of the Muslim region—have alleged that Arroyo and her husband ordered election rigging.

During her tumultuous nine-year presidency from 2001 to 2010, Arroyo ranked as the country's least popular leader and faced down several coup and impeachment attempts over corruption allegations.

Her most serious crisis came a year after she was elected in 2004, when a wiretapped recording surfaced of her talking to an election official allegedly about securing a vote margin for herself. She later apologized but said she did nothing wrong.

After stepping down last year, Arroyo was elected to the House of Representatives and immediately faced at least half a dozen legal complaints, including allegations that she diverted state funds for her campaign effort and benefited from foreign contracts.

The Justice Department is still investigating the other complaints.

country's transitional government on where the trial will take place. Ocampo said that while national governments have the first right to try their own citizens for war crimes, his primary goal was to make sure Seif al-Islam receives a fair trial.

"The good news is that Seif al-Islam is arrested, he is alive, and now he will face justice," Ocampo said in an interview in The Hague. "Where and how, we will discuss it."

Seif al-Islam's capture leaves only former intelligence chief Abdullah al-Senoussi wanted by the ICC, which indicted the two men along with Gadhafi in June for unleashing a campaign of murder and torture to suppress the uprising that broke out in mid-February. Protests inspired by the so-called Arab Spring sweeping the region soon escalated into a civil war, with NATO launching airstrikes under a U.N.-mandate to protect civilians.

Other photos and video clips showed Seif al-Islam wearing glasses and a beard, clothed in brown robes and a turban in the style of ethnic Tuaregs, a nomadic community that spans the desert border area of Niger, Mali, Libya, Algeria and Chad and long fought for his father's regime. In some, he was bundled onto an airplane that apparently carried him to Zintan, 85 miles (150 kilometers) southwest of Tripoli.

## Syrian troops attack despite Arab peace plan

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Syrian troops stormed a central town and a northwestern region in search of regime opponents on Saturday, activists said, a day after the government agreed in principle to allow the Arab League to send observers to oversee a peace plan proposed by the 22-member bloc. At least 15 people were killed, activists said.

The attacks on the town of Shezar in the central province of Hama and on the restive Jabal al-Zawiya region near the Turkish border came as pressure mounted on Damascus to end its eight-month crackdown on anti-government protesters. The unrest has killed more than 3,500 people since mid-March, according to U.N. estimates.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and another activist group called the Local Coordination Committees said land and cellular telephone lines as well as electricity were cut in the Jabal al-Zawiya region in the northwestern province of Idlib, where army defectors have been active for months.

At least 15 people were killed, around half of them in Idlib province, the LCC said. The observatory had a higher toll of 16 dead and said they included two civilians and two army defectors killed in a clash with troops in Qusair near the border with Lebanon, as well as four members of the air force intelligence whose car was ambushed in Hama by gunmen believed to be army defectors.

Syria agreed in principle Friday to allow dozens of Arab observers into the country to oversee an Arab League peace plan that calls on the government to stop attacking demonstrators, pull tanks out of cities and begin negotiations with the opposition.

It was a significant concession from a hard-line regime that loathes any sort of outside interference. But critics say the government is only stalling, trying to defuse international pressure while continuing its bloody crackdown.

The Arab League has already suspended Syria's membership

in the bloc for failing to abide by the peace plan. On Wednesday, the league gave Damascus three days to accept the observer mission or face economic sanctions.

Violence has escalated in Syria over the past week, as army dissidents who sided with the protests have grown more bold, fighting back against regime forces and even assaulting military bases. Activist groups said security forces on Friday killed at least 16 anti-government protesters.

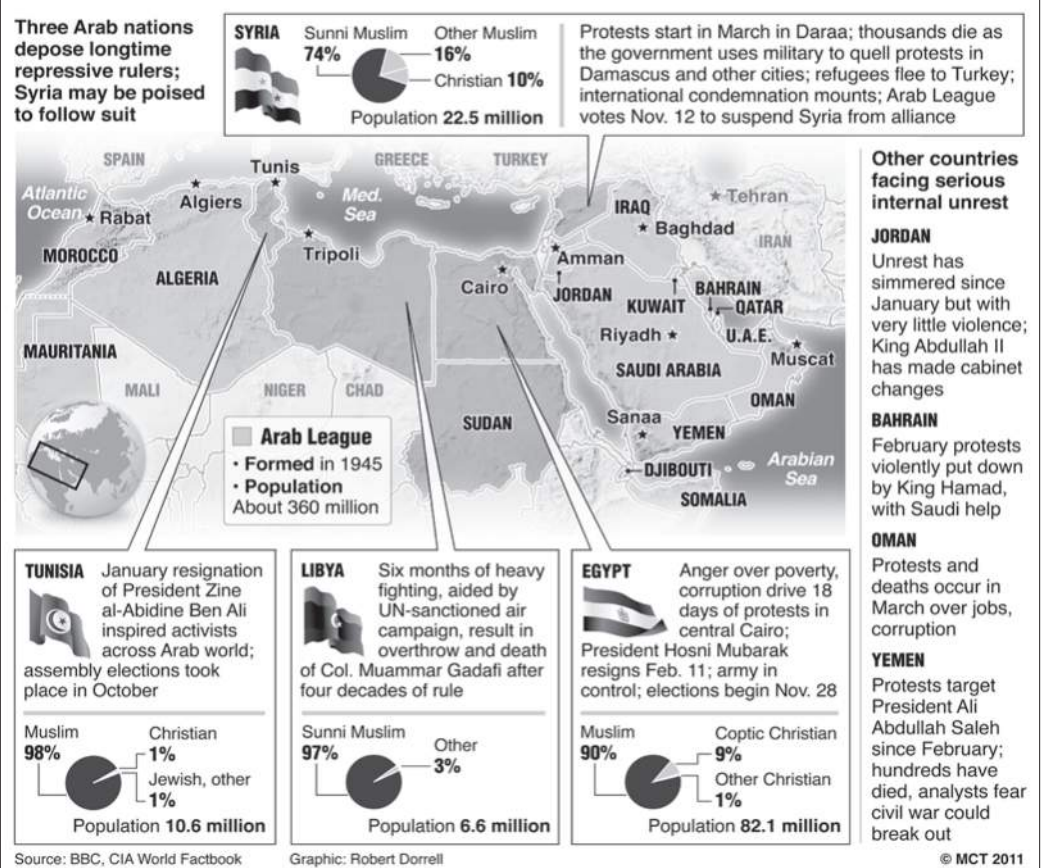
Pressure from European capitals and the U.S. is also building on President Bashar Assad to end the bloodshed.

An official at Britain's Foreign Office said Foreign Secretary William Hague intends to meet opposition representatives in London on Monday.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe called on the U.N. Security Council to strengthen sanctions against Assad's regime. However, Russia, which holds veto power in the council, urged caution in moving against Damascus.

## Syria rides violent track toward social change

The power held for 40 years by the family of President Bashar Assad is waning as citizens rise up and soldiers defect and begin attacking government forces. The UN says more than 3,500 people have died since the uprising began in March. Syria's path toward political reform has been among the most violent during the Arab Spring.





# Focus

## Satbir Sharma's wife is dead. His family lives in fear in rural India. His father's left leg is shattered, leaving him on crutches for life.

Sharma's only hope lies in a new law that gives him the right to know what is happening in the investigation of his wife's death. Most of all, he wants to know what will happen to the village mayor, now in jail on murder charges.

He talks quietly, under his breath, because his two young sons still think their mother is sick in the hospital and will come home. He pats a tidy stack of government documents perched on a table, under the gaze of Hindu gods from pictures on the wall.

"At least," he says sadly, "we have the truth."

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The promise is magnificent: More than 5.3 billion people in more than 100 countries now have the right—on paper—to know the truth about what their government is doing behind closed doors. Such laws have spread rapidly over the past decade, and when they work, they present a powerful way to engage citizens and expose corruption.

However, more than half the countries with such laws do not follow them. The Associated Press found in the first worldwide test of this promised freedom of information. And even when some countries do follow the law, the information unearthed can be at best useless and at worst deadly.

Right-to-know laws reflect a basic belief that information is power and belongs to the public. In a single week in January, AP reporters tested this premise by submitting questions about terrorism arrests and convictions, vetted by experts, to the European Union and the 105 countries with right-to-know laws or constitutional provisions.

AP also interviewed more than 100 experts worldwide and reviewed hundreds of studies.

Among its findings:

■ Only 14 countries answered in full within their legal deadline. Another 38 countries eventually answered most questions, at least providing data.

■ Newer democracies were in general more responsive than some developed ones. Guatemala confirmed the AP request in 72 hours, and sent all documents in 10 days. Turkey sent spreadsheets and data within seven days. Mexico posted responses on the Web. By comparison, Canada asked for a 200-day extension. The FBI in the United States responded six months late with a single sheet with four dates, two words and a large section blanked. Austria never responded at all.

■ More than half the countries did not release anything, and three out of 10 did not even acknowledge the request. African governments led the world for ignoring requests, with no response whatsoever from 11 out of 15 countries.

■ Dozens of countries adopted their laws at least in part because of financial incentives, and so are more likely to ignore them or limit their impact. China changed its access-to-information rules as a condition to joining the World Trade Organization in 2001, to boost the economy by as much as 10 percent. Beijing has since expanded the rules beyond trade matters. Pakistan adopted its 2002 ordinance in return



In this Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 photo, archivists organize documents at the former National Police archive in Guatemala City. Guatemala adopted a freedom of information law in 2008.

# Right-to-know laws are often ignored

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*Editor's Note: More than 100 countries have legislation that—on paper—gives citizens the right to know what is happening in their governments. The Associated Press has tested these laws worldwide for the first time.*

for \$1.4 billion in aid from the International Monetary Fund. Neither country responded to the AP's test.

"Having a law that's not being obeyed is almost worse than not having a law at all," says Daniel Metcalf, the leading U.S. Freedom of Information authority at the Justice Department for the past 25 years, now a law professor at American University. "The entire credibility of a government is at stake."

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India is the best example in the world of both the promise and the peril of right-to-know laws.

India was one of just 14 countries that replied to the AP's request in full and on time. Authorities responded within their legal deadline of a month, and even gave more than was asked: A state-

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by-state breakdown. Indians filed about 24,400 right-to-know requests in 2006, the year after the country's information law passed. Last year, the government fielded more than a million and said it responded to most.

India now boasts of at least a dozen blogs dedicated exclusively to right to information issues. Requests have already revealed scandals such as unethical drug trials, shady business deals and illegal phone taps by government

officials.

"Right to Information is a fundamental human right," says Srinivas Madhav at the Centre for Good Governance in Hyderabad. "Right to Information has become a friend in need, making life easier and honorable for common people."

Yet dozens of people in India have been attacked and beaten for using the law, and at least 12 have been killed.

Sharma sits on the bed, quietly sweating in the thick 113-degree heat. His father, Jagdish Chandra Sharma, absentmindedly rubs his aching left leg, which was crushed and now has three rods in it. He wipes a tear away from his eye.

The Sharma family lives in Chandrawal, a quiet farming village of about 2,100 people where the mayor, Dharamvir Malik, is notoriously corrupt, according to villagers.

They say he cut a water pipe flowing across his fields and drained drinking water into his crops. He then sent a water truck to the village and charged residents to fill up from it. And he adulterated fuel at the gas stations he owns with cheap kerosene.

When the Sharmas suspected him of stealing pension money, they filed for documents under India's right-to-know

law. They used the information to register a corruption case with the police. The mayor, livid with rage, then filed a case against them, saying they had robbed him of \$10,000 at gunpoint.

On the evening of Feb. 10, the mayor and some supporters drove to the family home in a minivan, the family says. They were drunk and began screaming: "Come out. We'll give you your pensions."

Sharma's wife, Sonu, and his father Jagdish came out to ask them to leave, the family says.

The men grabbed Sonu, tried to pull her into the car and hit her on the head with an iron bar, Jagdish recounts. When she collapsed, they ran over her with the minivan, he says. They also ran over his left leg.

Malik is now in jail, and police did not allow an interview.

Over the past eight months, the only information the family has received on the case has come from a flurry of right-to-know requests.

That was how they found out police were pushing for lesser charges, saying Sonu Sharma was killed after Malik tried to drive away from a scuffle between the two families. The court overruled the police and charged Malik with murder.

The documents also showed that

Malik had five registered guns. The Sharmas' application for a gun permit of their own was rejected, and they have filed a right-to-know request to find out why.

Now Jagdish lives under 24-hour police guard. But his son is still enthusiastic about India's information law, and says without it the family would have little hope of justice.

"It's good for getting information so we can fight for our rights," says Satbir Sharma. "It has been a curse for us because of what happened to us personally, but it is a good thing for the common man."

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Right-to-know laws can work particularly well in newer democracies, because their governments can adopt what has worked elsewhere and discard what hasn't. In the AP test, new democracies in general responded faster and better than more established ones.

Mexico, for example, gave the AP all the information requested within two months in response to a query filed through a single website. But in the U.S., the AP had to mail letters to six branches of the Justice and Homeland Security departments, email the FBI and follow up with 18 telephone calls. In return came 40 pieces of mail, with useful information only in two spreadsheets, and even then with names blanked out.

Mexico's freedom of information law is often cited as a model. Requests can be anonymous. All responses are made public. The system acknowledges the request immediately, and full answers typically arrive within a month.

Immediately after the law took effect in 2003, Mexico logged an average of 926 requests and 823 responses a week. Those numbers are now up to a record 3,012 requests and 2,460 responses.

The U.S. passed its freedom of information law in 1966. Each agency in the U.S. has its own in-house freedom of information branch, which creates bureaucracy. Responses rarely meet the 20-day deadline, and can take years.

The AP is still waiting on a 10-year-old request to the U.S. State Department for information about a now-defunct Greek terror organization. At the latest check, a staffer said: "The information was sent to a senior reviewer."

In 2010, U.S. agencies fully released about 55 percent of the information requested, partially released information in another 37 percent and denied 8 percent. In Mexico, agencies fully released information in 85 percent of requests.

The U.S. law is showing its age.

"It was conceived in an era of paper-based records," says the Justice Department's Melanie Ann Pustay, the nation's highest-ranked FOIA official. "Mexico had the advantage of creating their law when we do have the Internet."

She points out that the U.S. gets more requests, with close to 600,000 last year, and has recently reduced backlogs and increased the number of records made public.

In Mexico, the law is giving a voice to ordinary people.

When the tractors first came to La Parota in 2003, the engineers told Mar-

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# Health & Fitness

## Women more likely to have 'broken heart syndrome'

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)**—A woman's heart breaks more easily than a man's.

Females are seven to nine times more likely to suffer "broken heart syndrome," when sudden or prolonged stress like an emotional breakup or death causes overwhelming heart failure or heart attack-like symptoms, the first nationwide study of this finds. Usually patients recover with no lasting damage.

The classic case is "a woman who has just lost her husband," said Dr. Mariell Jessup, a University of Pennsylvania heart failure specialist who has treated many such cases.

Cyndy Bizon feared that was happening when her husband, Joel, suffered a massive heart attack in 2005. "May God work through your hands," the Maine woman told the surgeon as her husband was wheeled past her into the operating room. She later collapsed at a nurse's station from "broken heart syndrome" and wound up in coronary care with him. Both survived.

Japanese doctors first recognized this syndrome around 1990 and named it Takotsubo cardiomyopathy; tako tsubo are octopus traps that resemble the unusual pot-like shape of the stricken heart. It happens when a big shock, even a good one like winning the lottery, triggers a rush of adrenaline and other

stress hormones that cause the heart's main pumping chamber to balloon suddenly and not work right. Tests show dramatic changes in rhythm and blood substances typical of a heart attack, but no artery blockages that typically cause one. Most victims recover within weeks, but in rare cases it proves fatal.

Dr. Abhishek Deshmukh of the University of Arkansas had treated some of these cases.

"I was very curious why only women were having this," he said, so he did the first large study of the problem and reported results Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference in Florida.

Using a federal database with about 1,000 hospitals, Deshmukh found 6,229 cases in 2007. Only 671 involved men. After adjusting for high blood pressure, smoking and other factors that can affect heart problems, women seemed 7.5 times more likely to suffer the syndrome than men.

It was three times more common in women over 55 than in younger women. And women younger than 55 were 9.5 times more likely to suffer it than men of that age.

No one knows why, said Dr. Abhiram Prasad, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist who presented other research on this syndrome at the conference.

## LAWS

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co Antonio Suastegui, a village leader, that they were building a dam. Suastegui did not know what a dam was.

The Mexican government wanted to flood out three dozen villages, including Suastegui's, tucked along lagoons and down winding muddy roads beyond the luxury resorts of Acapulco. The plan was to build a \$1 billion dam to generate 1,500 gigawatt hours of electricity a year, enough to power eastern Mexico.

The villagers were furious. "Blood was going to flow," Suastegui says.

But the same year, Mexico's freedom of information law took effect. Along with holding marches and protests, dam opponents gathered evidence from documents obtained under the information law.

Villagers then sued the government for granting water rights without the consent of residents who owned the communal land. In 2007, a judge stopped construction.

About 300 dam opponents gathered in a town square on a recent afternoon to celebrate their success with music, dance, prayers and hot beans and tortillas. Their victory would not have been possible, they say, without the documents.

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Despite the examples of success, more than half of countries with right-to-know laws ignore them.

Of the 105 countries the AP tested, 54 have yet to provide answers, 35 never acknowledged receiving the request, and six refused to disclose information, citing national security. In Kenya, a government spokesman denied receiving a hand-delivered letter. In Jordan, four requests were rejected outright, and several more are pending.

The law in Uganda, where the government never responded, goes one step further. Critics say it further restricts access to records if they are said to damage state security or infringe on privacy. Ugandans must also pay a fee of about 20,000 shillings, or \$8, typically a week's wages, for a request.

About 200 requests have been filed since the law passed in 2005, according to a survey by a Ugandan human rights group. Seven out of 10 petitioners never heard back from the government, and those who did were often denied the records.

Journalist Angelo Izama was the first person to test Uganda's law, paying an attorney \$2,500 to file a right-to-know request. He asked for documents showing who is getting multibillion-dollar contracts to explore and exploit the massive oil reserves recently found in his country.

"This oil is a national as-

set," Izama says. "It belongs to the people of Uganda, most of whom don't have electricity, cook on firewood, live in abject poverty. ... Ugandans have a right, under their freedom of information law, to know what deals are being made with Western and Chinese oil companies."

In response to Izama's push, Parliament demanded and got copies of contracts between oil companies and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, but they were confidential. Adding to the fury, WikiLeaks released cables alleging that Museveni accepted bribes from oil companies.

"Absolute rubbish," Museveni responded at a news conference. "I have never been given any money by anybody."

Since the case started three years ago, Izama has since been arrested three times, on increasingly serious charges.

He went to court after three months to ask a magistrate to order that the documents be turned over to him, but was arrested the next day for defaming an inspector general on the radio.

On the morning he was supposed to be arguing for his request, Izama was in a different courtroom 10 miles away. He had just been charged with sedition and libel for comparing the president to former Filipino strongman Ferdinand Marcos.

"I was going crazy, texting everyone, trying to get out," he says.

Finally, after paying \$1,000 bail, he dashed to the other court. But the judge had ruled against him, saying he had failed to show that disclosure of the oil contracts would be "for the benefit of the public interest." The judge cited Iran and Indonesia as oil-rich countries that do not divulge such information.

This month Izama was supposed to have a hearing on his request, but the judge is the same former inspector general who once accused him of defamation, and it's been delayed until March.

Even if he gets his records, it's unclear what condition they will be in. "No temperature, humidity or pest control exist," said a study of government personnel records in Uganda, "so paper is rotting, metal is rusting and there are layers of insects on or in files."

Izama says his phones are tapped, and his email is opened. He constantly looks over his shoulder.

"My aunts and my mother particularly think I should let this drop," he says. "It really is dangerous. But I believe freedom of information is the key to unclogging our broken system."

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Dozens of countries passed their right-to-know laws to meet conditions for agreements or funding from donors. The United States alone spends

about \$50 million a year in foreign aid to promote freedom of information and government transparency. But in practice, laws adopted for financial gain do not work as well as those adopted in response to public pressure.

China became a full member of the WTO after promising to establish a system where people could make requests for some public records, in an apparent change of course for one of the world's most secretive governments.

In 2008, the Chinese government reported receiving close to 89,000 requests, resulting in the release of more than 10 million documents. There were about 100,000 requests last year, according to Weibing Xiao, who teaches at Shanghai University's School of Economic Law and maintains a blog about freedom of information in China.

"I would say the Chinese government currently, while there are some problems, has become more transparent, more open," Xiao says.

Response rates vary widely by office, from zero to 100 percent disclosure. In a landmark case last year, a Chinese businessman forced the city of Guangzhou to make its budget public. And Chinese authorities responded in August to criticism of secrecy with a pledge to become more open.

However, more than half of China's city and provincial governments fail open-information requirements, one survey found.

China never provided the information requested by the AP. Authorities told the AP to fax a freedom of information request to find out how to use the freedom of information law. The number, dialed dozens of times, was never answered.

Even when information is available in China, it may not change anything, especially if it gets in the way of economic growth and other government priorities.

Professor Zhao Fengping grew up in a warren of warehouses in the rust-belt city of Zhengzhou that had been converted into homes. The houses, while dark, had yards for Zhao, her six brothers and sisters and neighborhood children to play in.

"We had deep feelings about it," says Zhao, who teaches public administration at Zhengzhou University. "Over the long run, my neighbors and I were like partners who had grown up together."

But Zhengzhou, in north central China, has grown at a dizzying pace, throwing up a new district full of empty buildings that the Chinese derisively call the country's biggest "ghost city." Zhengzhou and other local governments are furiously plowing under defunct factories, old neighborhoods and rural fringes to build high-rises, roads and in-

dustrial parks.

Zhao's mother, a widow in her 80s, lives in the family home, and sometimes with her children. Only by chance, on a visit back to the home last year, did Zhao and her mother learn that it was slated for demolition, to make way for an apartment complex.

Then began weeks of visits to city offices and phone calls to many more.

In records obtained under China's open-government initiatives, Zhao found lapses and glaring mistakes that should have stopped the project. An office that oversaw the reconstruction of central Zhengzhou was not listed in government directories. The approval for the project was two years old and had effectively expired. And the documents had the wrong address, listing an intersection of two streets that don't meet.

Zhao confronted officials at the Demolition and Relocation Office.

"I brought out the map and said, 'Locate this place for me.' They couldn't. I said, 'What can be done?'" Zhao recounts. "He said it's not their problem."

She hit the same stonewall at other offices. Meanwhile, the government and the company in charge of demolition pressured her family to give up.

The wrecking crews came last November. Zhao's mother lost her home and now lives with each of her children in turn.

The process plunged Zhao into depression for weeks. She says right-to-know laws mean nothing without a more open political system, where people can use the information to change policies and fight for their rights.

"I felt very sad, very hopeless," she says. "I wouldn't do this again, because I now know where it leads. ... I was angry, I was furious, I was exhausted. I ran around in a big circle but didn't accomplish anything."

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The push toward freedom of information continues. This year, seven countries passed right to information laws, and 18 more have such laws under consideration.

Yet there remains a significant gap between what the laws say and what really happens.

"You pass the law, but you have 150 years of bad government practice to turn around, and you can't expect that to happen in a short period," says David Banisar, senior legal counsel for London-based Article 19, a nonprofit that advocates for freedom of information. "It's about moving the ball more than hitting the home run."

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## Personal Trainer

### Using your water wisely

In ways, water is your most important outdoor safety equipment because dehydration is dangerous and impairs your judgment as it begins.

#### Some guides to water management



#### Never delay drinking

Use a water bladder or easy-to-reach bottle so you can drink often; sip often rather than drinking deeply every few hours

#### Never hold back or ration water

Drink to keep from getting thirsty, even if you don't know where you will find your next water; you need water to keep your thinking clear



#### Eat regularly with water

Food keeps your muscles fueled and replaces sodium depleted by sweating; remember that carbohydrates require less water to digest than fats or protein

#### Drink cold water in the heat

Cold water makes stomach muscles contract, pushing the water into your intestines, where it is absorbed



• **As you begin to exercise**  
When you first feel fatigued, drink water

#### • After exercise

Eat carbs — a bagel, banana or sports bar — with about 12 oz. (360 ml) of water

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## Life & Style

# British woman tries historic Antarctic crossing

By **MICHAEL WARREN**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina** (AP)—Reaching the end of the Earth has become almost routine these days: One hundred years after Norway's Roald Amundsen beat Britain's R.F. Scott to the South Pole, more than 30 teams are trying for it this year.

Some will kite-sail over the vast Antarctic ice and snow. Others will drive in from the coast. A wealthy handful will be dropped off one degree north of the South Pole, for relatively leisurely guided treks of about 70 miles to the pole.

But Felicity Aston has been there, done that. Weather and her own considerable stamina permitting, the 33-year-old British adventurer will only pause at the pole long enough to pick up more food and fuel. Her plan is to keep on skiing, by herself, all the way to the other side of the frozen continent—and become the first person using only muscle power to cross Antarctica alone.

If she manages to complete this journey of more than 1,000 miles (1,700 kilometers) in late



In this photo taken on Friday Nov. 4, 2011 provided by the Kaspersky ONE Trans-antarctic Expedition, British adventurer Felicity Aston poses for a photo by a map in Punta Arenas, Chile.

January, she would also set a record for the longest solo polar expedition by a woman, at about 70 days.

"This is my first solo expedition, the first time I will have spent this length of time without company," she said in a phone interview with the Associated Press. "It's part of the challenge of the expedition, to see how I'll

cope with it."

Aston spoke from Punta Arenas, Chile, where she was boarding a charter flight Friday after losing a precious week waiting for weather to break. From a base in Antarctica, she'll then take a second plane to her starting point at the foot of the Leverett Glacier, where the Ross Ice Shelf

meets the rocky coast.

Already, she was "channeling down," getting her mind set on what would be a grueling routine.

"Your life reduces to eating, sleeping and skiing. It's a form of meditation. You get into a rhythm, and all you can hear is your own breathing, your own heartbeat, the sound of your clothes and your skis. It's kind of an altered state," she said. "A

trip like this is all about keeping going—the stamina, endurance, keeping going day after day after day."

Aston, whose trek is sponsored by the Russian software company Kaspersky Lab and makers of the equipment she is using, has plenty of experience in long-endurance expeditions. She spent nearly three years as a meteorologist with the British Antarctic Survey, and in 2009 led an all-woman group from the coast to the South Pole. Her long list of travel adventures includes skiing across the Canadian Arctic, crossing the Greenland ice sheet and trekking over Siberia's frozen Lake Baikal. She's also run across Morocco's Sahara Desert and tracked jaguars in Paraguay.

"I've been preparing for 10 years and only now do I feel capable of this. Every trip teaches you something: how tough you are, what your personal limits are, how to wrap up a blister better, how not to get sick," she said. "Particularly on the psychological side, each journey I've had has taught me something about how to feel better about a situation, how to react, how to behave."

The 5-foot-11 (1.80-me-

ter) Aston weighs around 170 pounds (77 kilos) and she'll be hauling up to 187 pounds (85 kilos) of gear on a sledge. It includes freeze-dried food, fuel and a camp stove for melting snow. She's also bringing along a solar recharger and two MP3 players—one has music donated by her friends, everything from peaceful ska tunes to heavy metal and "fluffy pop songs;" the other has mostly audio books from her father on "the whole of British history ... 300 hours of it!"

Antarctic Treaty rules require private support teams to be able to pull people out in a pinch, and Aston is carrying two Iridium satellite phones and a GPS beacon to keep in touch with hers.

"She has to have the beacon, because it's so easy for a solo person to get in trouble," said David Rootes, a veteran polar guide who runs Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions. The company is supporting most of this year's trips, making about 20 flights into Antarctica and moving about 500 people around the continent in all. Most are traveling in groups, hoping to make it in time for a polar party on Dec. 13, (South Pole time), the centennial of Amundsen's achievement.

## Natalie Wood detectives face conflicting accounts

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Natalie Wood's drowning death nearly 30 years ago came after a night of dinner, drinking and arguments but the question remains—was it anything more than a tragic accident?

Conflicting versions of what happened on the yacht shared by Wood, her actor-husband Robert Wagner and their friend, actor Christopher Walken, have contributed to the mystery of how the actress died on Thanksgiving weekend in 1981.

Two sheriff's detectives are now diving into the mysterious events on the yacht Splendour, although whether they reach any different conclusions than their predecessors remains to be seen. They recently received new, seemingly credible information and heard from potential witnesses who weren't included in the original investigation of Wood's death, sheriff's Lt. John Corina said Friday.

But he said nothing has happened to change the official view that Wood's death was originally an accidental drowning. Wagner, the star of "Hart to Hart" is not considered a suspect, he added.

Corina released few details about who investigators have contacted or plan to re-interview, but the inquiry will certainly lead them to speak with the three survivors of the trip—

Wagner, Walken and skipper Dennis Davern.

Wood's sister, Lana, was not on the boat, but told CNN's Piers Morgan on Friday that she has spoken with Davern many times and believes her sister did not fall off the boat.

"I don't think she fell, I don't know if she was pushed, I don't know whether there was an altercation and it happened accidentally but she shouldn't have died and that does stay with me and hurt," Lana Wood said.

"I would prefer to always believe that RJ (Wagner) would never do anything to hurt Natalie and that he loved her dearly, which he did, and I don't believe that whatever went on was deliberate. I've always cared about him. I always will care about him,"

she said.

The captain said on NBC's "Today" on Friday that Wagner is to blame for the Oscar-nominated actress' death in the chilly waters of Southern California in November 1981, but didn't offer many specifics. For years he has maintained that he heard the famous couple arguing on the boat before Wood went missing and Wagner refusing to immediately search the waters nearby for his wife.

Davern's account is dramatically different from what he told investigators after Wood's body was found in 1981, when

no mention of an argument between the couple was made. Wood was wearing a nightgown, wool socks and red down coat when she was found floating off Santa Catalina Island.

The renewed investigation comes at a time when plenty of attention was sure to be focused on Wood, whose beauty and acting in films such as "West Side Story" and "Rebel Without a Cause" made her Hollywood royalty. Her death stunned the world and CBS' "48 Hours Mystery" has been looking into the case for a special airing on Saturday.

Sheriff's officials denied the renewed attention prompted their review, which could take months.

"We're not concerned with the anniversary date," Corina said. "It may have jarred some other people's memories."

The Splendour is currently docked in Hawaii, where it's used for charter cruises. The current owner said Friday said he was contacted by Los Angeles authorities several weeks ago. He did not reveal details of the conversation.

"I have known for a few weeks that there was going to be a police investigation," Ron Nelson, who purchased the boat in 1986, said in an interview with KHON-TV in Honolulu. "But I didn't know it was going to explode like it did overnight."

LA Sheriff's Department officials said they will travel to Hawaii to look at the boat as part of their investigation.



Wood

*5<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary*

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We, the family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be offered every morning beginning on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. On the ninth day, Tuesday, November 22, 2011, Rosary will begin at 5:20 a.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately after the Mass at the Social Hall.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase  
Thank You

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## Buyers target hats worn by Franklin at sales event

LIVONIA, Michigan (AP)—A beige cashmere hat with fur and matching collar and cuffs worn by Aretha Franklin sold for \$400 during a sale of dozens of items once owned by the Queen of Soul.

Hats were big draws at a sales event attended Saturday by several hundred people in Livonia, according to sales distributor Jill Pendergast.

"A lot of people found a lot of items," Pendergast said. "Somebody wanted T-shirts that had been stained up. Some people just came for blue jeans. Some people were looking for just shoes.

"They just kept coming in and going out," she said.

One of Franklin's gowns sold for \$550.

Pendergast would not say who



Lela Daniel tries on a hat originally owned by Aretha Franklin, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 in Livonia, Mich. AP

currently owned the items or how much was raised by the sale which ran from 9 a.m. to about 5 p.m. in a store west of Detroit.

Franklin has said she has no connection to the sale. The Grammy Award-winning artist said the items were left many years ago in a storage locker because she no longer wanted them.

Franklin's choice in headwear has been a hot topic in recent years.

A gray, felt hat with a Swarovski rhinestone-bordered bow she wore while singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at President Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration drew widespread attention and prompted hundreds of calls to the Detroit millinery shop where the hat was made.

## Wife wants to wash her man right out of holiday kitchen

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** What is a wife to do? My husband occasionally pitches in to help me prepare holiday meals. He prides himself on his dishwashing skills, but when he's done I have to rewash most of the pots and pans because he doesn't check his work. If I ask him to redo them, he reacts as though it's a criticism and has an over-the-top fit.

At times like Thanksgiving I'm stressed out cooking for the family and would love his help, but it's more trouble than it's worth. Discussing it with him hasn't been successful, and friends have told me they have the same problem. Can you provide a strategy that can keep us humming along happily with our husbands in the kitchen?

DREADING THANKSGIVING IN L.A.

**DEAR DREADING:** Perhaps you should soak the pots and pans immediately after you're done cooking, so when the meal is done your husband will have an easier job of washing them. If any food is still hard to remove, offer to help him by filling the utensils with water and placing them on the stove; let them boil a while, and then wash them again with detergent and a brush. That should solve your problem.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have wanted a baby for a long time. Now that I'm 31, my desire is growing stronger. My boyfriend of 11 years, "Chad," is 35. His daughter lives with us and I have raised her like she was mine.

Chad and I discussed having a baby and even went to a fertility clinic to make sure we're healthy and would have no complications trying to conceive. Now, almost a year later and still no baby, he says he has a successful business, loves his life and doesn't want any more kids! "Maybe down the road" he "might" change his mind.

I hate him for this. I had two abortions for him five years into our relationship because he felt we weren't ready. He was starting his business and I was still in my last year of college.

Abby, please help me. I am furious with him, and I'm starting to pull away from him and his daughter.

CHEATED IN NEW YORK

**DEAR CHEATED:** I'm sorry, but your signature indicates you have a firm grasp of your situation. It appears you will never have what you want if you stay with Chad, so pack your bags and get on with your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife of 15 years has been forthcoming about the four serious relationships (two marriages included), she had before we were married. Recently, however, she mentioned she still has a "place in her heart"—and always will—for her first boyfriend. They had a three-year high school romance.

I find this really disturbing. It's like I will never get 100 percent of her heart, no matter what. It also bothers me that he was just a boyfriend. I could almost accept feelings for an ex-husband because of the nature of the relationship—but a boyfriend? Come on! Please advise.

SHE HAS ALL OF ME

**DEAR ALL OF ME:** Your wife's first love will always have a place in her heart (and many women would concur) because the relationship has been idealized. They didn't experience the ups and downs of daily living, budget problems, child problems, illnesses and other realities that living with someone on a daily basis can present.

You HAVE all of her, including the fact that she tends to romanticize the past. However, your marriage will be better served if, when the subject of the past is raised, you turn it to the present or the future.

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## Dakota Fanning grows up, gets married in new role

LONDON (AP)—Dakota Fanning is stepping forward into adulthood, and back in time.

The 17-year-old former child star takes on a firmly grown-up role as the title character in "Effie," a movie that recreates an infamous Victorian love triangle involving 19th-century art critic John Ruskin, his disenchanted young bride Effie Gray and artist John Everett Millais.

"I think actually in films I've done more adult things in other ones than I have in this one," Fanning said during a break in filming at a country mansion near London. "But this is my first time being a wife and all of that, which is actually kind of exciting and very fun.

"I get married in the movie. I had a wedding dress. It was kind of surreal," said Fanning, who has been acting for a decade since she grabbed atten-

tion, aged 7, as the daughter of Sean Penn's character in "I Am Sam."

Fanning, who recently began studies at New York University, is no stranger to edgy material. She played a troubled 12-year-old in 2007's "Hounddog," which contained a controversial rape scene, and was the cruel vampire Jane in the "Twilight" films.

Last week Britain's advertising watchdog pulled a Marc Jacobs ad featuring Fanning, saying it seemed to sexualize a child—the regulator said the actress looked younger than 16. The ad for "Oh, Lola" perfume showed the star in a short dress sitting with an oversized perfume bottle between her legs.

Her outfits for "Effie" are considerably more demure. Written by Academy Award-winning actress Emma Thompson and starring Thompson's real-life



spouse Greg Wise as Ruskin, the movie is allowing Fanning to fulfill a long-held dream of appearing in period garb.

"Wearing a corset every day has been ... interesting," she said with a laugh. "It really does make you feel like you are someone else in a different time. It takes a while to get dressed in the morning and to take everything off, and you kind of get a glimpse into what it was like not being able to take your own clothes off.

"You have to have someone helping you and putting you into these clothes. It just shows how different everything was."

This Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 shows U.S. actress Dakota Fanning during a break from filming a scene on the set of the film 'Effie' at West Wycombe Park. AP

### ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

#### Schwarzenegger bruised and battered shooting movie

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger has been banged around and bloodied while filming a contemporary Western movie in the U.S. The New York Post reports the former California governor posted on Twitter that he got a little banged up Thursday on the set of "The Last Stand," in which he portrays a small town sheriff who takes on a drug kingpin. Schwarzenegger thanked the medical staff who returned him to action an hour later. A photo shows what appears to be a bloody cut down the middle of Schwarzenegger's forehead. Schwarzenegger did not provide details of what happened.

#### Cain, on Letterman, again denies harassment

NEW YORK (AP)—Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain says the women who have accused him of making unwanted sexual advances are all lying. In an appearance Friday on David Letterman's "Late Show,"

the former pizza executive again denied any impropriety during his time running the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s. Several women have come forward with allegations against Cain. He has repeatedly denied the allegations, which have dogged his campaign. During the interview Letterman says to Cain: "These statements are all false? All of these women are lying? They're all lying?" "Yes," replies Cain. "They are." During the show, Cain jokes that Letterman seems to be trying to talk him out of running for president with tough questions about the challenges facing the presidency.

#### Liam Neeson to narrate 'War of the Worlds' musical

LONDON (AP)—Liam Neeson is to have an out-of-body experience in an out-of-this world tale. The actor is slated to narrate a touring musical version of "War of the Worlds," appearing onstage as a hologram. The musical is adapted from composer Jeff Wayne's 1978 album, which featured the late Richard Burton narrating the tale of a Martian

invasion based on H.G. Wells' novel. Wayne plans to release a new version with updated music next year, followed by a British arena tour starting in December 2012. Neeson said Friday he was flattered to be offered the role, because "I loved Richard Burton and I loved his voice." — but said he wouldn't be imitating the Welsh star's tones. He said "I had to put that aside and focus on the text."

#### Research firm: Amazon tablet costs \$201.70 to make

NEW YORK (AP)—Research firm IHS say Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire tablet, which started shipping this week, costs \$201.70 to make, \$2.70 more than Amazon charges for it. The analysis indicates that Amazon is, at least initially, selling the tablet at a loss that it hopes to cover through sales of books and movies for the device. The manufacturing cost of a new gadget usually comes down over time as chips decline in price. Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos told The Associated Press in September that company's goal was to make a

small profit from the hardware, but as a retail company, Amazon was willing to make a smaller profit than most electronics companies would.

#### Mirren to co-host Nobel Peace Prize Concert

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Organizers say British actress Helen Mirren will co-host this year's Nobel Peace Prize concert, featuring performances by Benin's Angelique Kidjo and other world artists. The Dec. 11 concert is held a day after the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, which this year honors President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and women's right activist Leymah Gbowee — both of Liberia — and democracy activist Tawakkul Karman of Yemen. The lineup of artists include Ahmed Fathi of Yemen and Liberian-born singer Miatta Fahnbulleh, as well as David Gray, Jill Scott, country duo Sugarland and World Youth Choir. Organizers said Friday that Mirren's co-host will be announced later. The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize highlighted women's rights and women's efforts in building peace.



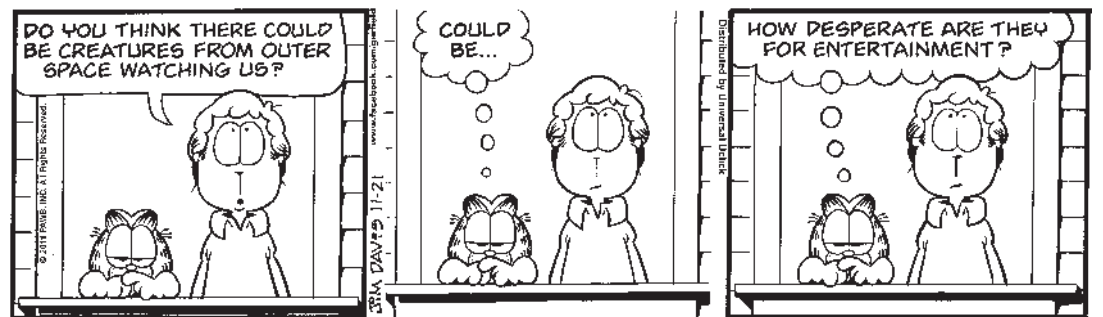
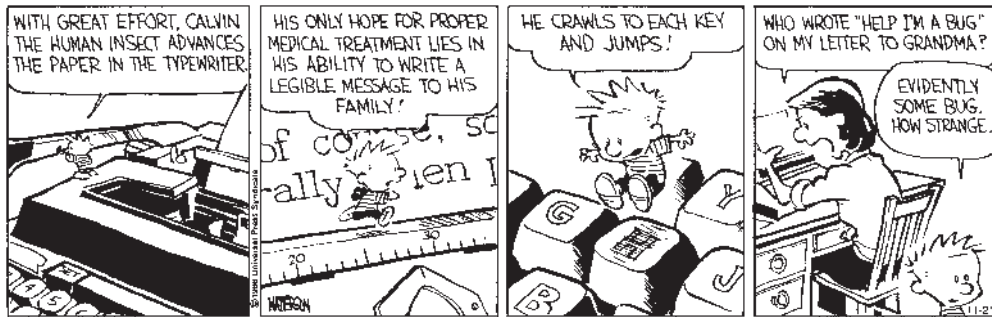
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35 Humor writer Bombeck

36 High nest

37 Deli meat

40 Have debts

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41 Advertisement

42 Close

47 Top-notch

48 DNA, on "CSI"

49 Burn

50 Upper House member (Abbr.)

51 TV host Carson

4 Himalayan region

5 Unforeseen

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8 Write sloppily

9 Winged

10 Mentor

11 Gets a glimpse of

13 Aid and —

19 Buffalo

22 "Hold the —"

23 Finnish

25 Vows

26 Basin

27 Hindu wrap

29 Expression

31 Take to court

33 Scanty

34 Cheated at hide-and-seek

36 Dumb-struck

37 Health resorts

38 Lotion additive

39 Moon goddess

40 Valhalla bigwig

43 "Got a Secret"

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46 Indispensable

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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Saturday's answer 11-21

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jena Malone, 27; Marlo Thomas, 74; Nicollette Sheridan, 48; Goldie Hawn, 66.

**Happy Birthday:** Expand your mind, your circle of friends and your interests. Cover new ground mentally or physically if it will help you gain ground professionally. Stabilize your future by being conservative in your financial dealings and determined when it comes to selling yourself. Your focus will guide you to a better position. Your numbers are 6, 14, 19, 23, 31, 46, 49.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You can cover a lot of ground if you are open about what you want and where you want to go. An opportunity through a past colleague will allow you to utilize your skills differently. A partnership will help you diversify. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Friendship will play a role in your success. Give-and-take will get you the help you need, as well as satisfaction for being able to give back. Impulsiveness is the enemy. Think and respond with diplomacy. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Concentrate on completion. A job opportunity will open up if you show discipline, ingenuity and the ability to sell yourself. Love is highlighted, and relationships will develop with like-minded people. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll have to avoid anyone who is too impulsive or emotional. A burden will be difficult to deal with, but if you handle matters efficiently, it can help your reputation. A partnership will have

its pros and cons. Re-evaluate before you make a decision. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Mix and mingle and you will meet interesting people who can offer you greater insight into subjects and pastimes that will alter your way of thinking or the way you do things. Self-improvement projects will bring you added confidence. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You will learn from the people you associate with, but you won't please those closest to you. Don't push your goals and plans onto others. Keep what you do a secret until you are sure you want to pursue a new path. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Let your emotions take the reins. Speak from the heart and share what you want to do with friends, relatives or neighbors. Sharing ideas and plans will help you bring about much-needed change in your community. Love is on the rise. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Put your heart into getting ahead. If you are passionate about what you do, you will sell what you have to offer in such a way that it will be difficult for others to refuse you. Take advantage of a window of opportunity. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Let your personality lead the way. You can talk your way into anything. Job opportunities will open up if you send out your resume, go for an interview or commit to networking. Don't let a personal change keep you from doing what's best for you. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Keep your plans to yourself. Emotional issues will escalate if you are too open. Make adjustments at home and you will find ways to scale down your overhead or bring in extra cash. An old asset will come in handy now. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will benefit by offering help. Friendship is in the stars, and your charm will help you connect with someone who shares your interests. Aggressive budgeting will help you make the most of a situation that could go either way. Avoid overindulgence. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Stick to what you know. You will come up against opposition that can damage your reputation or your position. Listen to what's being said, but don't believe everything you hear. Don't follow the crowd. Make up your own mind. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are an outgoing thrill seeker who adapts easily to change.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

2	6	8	1	4	7	9	3	5
3	1	5	6	9	8	2	4	7
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6	2	4	7	5	1	3	9	8
7	3	1	9	8	5	4	6	2
4	8	2	3	7	6	1	5	9
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

BRADLEY COOPER

Solution: 10 letters

L	K	C	U	T	P	I	N	Y	N	E	R	G	P	O
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Actor, Aidan, Alias, Ames, A-Team, Bristow, Case, Cook, Demo, Dogs, Doherty, Drama, Esposito, Film, Funny, Gary, Hangover, Honors, Humor, Jeff, Law And Order, Leon, Limitless, Luke, Morra, Nip Tuck, Peter, Philadelphia, Rocker, Role, Rules, Sack, Satan, Satellite, Serial, Sex and the City, Show, Steve, Stone, Travis, Villanova, Whitaker, Yes Man

Last Saturday's Answer: Report

For the collected word puzzle, see the 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 2680, 2681, 2682, 2683, 2684, 2685, 2686, 2687, 2688, 2689, 2690, 2691, 2692, 2693, 2694, 2695, 2696, 2697, 2698, 2699, 2700, 2701, 2702, 2703, 2704, 2705, 2706, 2707, 2708, 2709, 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 2714, 2715, 2716, 2717, 2718, 2719, 2720, 2721, 2722, 2723, 2724, 2725, 2726, 2727, 2728, 2729, 2730, 2731, 2732, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2737, 2738, 2739, 2740, 2741, 2742, 2743, 2744, 2745, 2746, 2747, 2748, 2749, 2750, 2751, 2752, 2753, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2757, 2758, 2759, 2760, 2761, 2762, 2763, 2764, 2765, 2766, 2767, 2768, 2769, 2770, 2771, 27



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## STYROFOAM 4'X8' SHEETS TEL.: 287-3700

### Job Vacancy Announcement

Credence Inc. dba Credence Wholesale

**1 Sales Person**  
**1 Accountant**  
**1 Store Manger**

5 years experience, mail resume to PO Box 504941, Saipan MP 96950, Police Clearance required on hiring. Salary negotiable.

### Hans W. Mickelson needs:

- 3 Artists** -10 years minimum experience
- specialized in different styles of tattooing (oriental, tribal, polynesian, japanese, realistic, portraiture)
  - attended local and international tattoo conventions
  - knowledge in international standard of tattooing
  - received awards and recognitions in art competitions
  - knowledge in japanese language
  - can work flexible time and days (holidays and sundays)
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### General Construction/Maintenance Worker (4):

Able to perform carpentry, painting, masonry, plumbing, sheet metal and welding works. Skill in using power and measuring tools. Identify and specify the right materials. Can read and interpret construction plans and drawings. Minimum of 3 years experience.

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### Wanted - (1) Technician

with knowledge and skill in the operation of a screw type oil press and the processing of oils from nuts. H.S. diploma and 2 years experience preferred. Salary: \$5.05/hr. Call Mt. Tapochau Farms at 285-5730 for more info.

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- Supervisor (1)**
- Bachelor degree from a 4 yr college or university.
  - Great customer service skills
  - Excellent written and oral communication skills
  - Strong technology aptitude required, proficient in:
  - Excel Spreadsheets, Peachtree software, Microsoft Outlook
  - Work all shifts and flexible schedule including weekends and holidays
  - At least 4-5 years customer service related working experience required
  - Salary \$5.50 to \$6.00 /Hourly

- Cook (2)**
- High school graduate
  - Work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays
  - At least 1-2 years working experience
  - Knowledgeable of all menus and recipes in his section including ingredients, methods of cooking and preparation of dishes and assures that the correct standard of sanitation, hygiene and cleanliness is always maintained.
  - Salary \$5.05/Hourly

- Bartender (1)**
- High School graduate
  - Work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays
  - At least 1-2 years working experience
  - Knowledgeable in mixing drinks and serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and beverages to customers
  - Salary \$5.05/Hourly

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### Job Vacancy Announcement

CHEAP CUT BBQ CONCESSION STAND

- Looking for
- (2) Concession Stand Food Handler/Server.**
- Must have a High School Diploma/GED equivalent.
  - Stamina to work on your feet for 12hr shift.
  - Be able to lift and carry 30lbs.
  - Assist in setting up and cleaning concession stand.
  - 5-10 years experience in food service preferred.

Send resumes to Fax: (907) 533-9733 or PO Box 506462, Saipan, MP 96950

### Job Vacancy Announcement

Enhance Pacific Corporation dba Perfectly Set & VMC Pawnshop

### 1 Goldsmith/Jewelry Repairer 1 Jewelry Appraiser

5 years experience, Knowledge in precious and semi precious metals, gems and stones a must. Police clearance required. Call 287-6046 for interview appointment with resume, Salary negotiable.

### Job Vacancy Announcement

Gene's Barber Shop

### 4 Barbers

### 1 Commercial Cleaner

5 years experience. Trade test required. Call 233-6300 for interview.

### Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Commercial Cleaners

with previous experience  
Interested individuals should submit their resume with Police Clearance & recommendation letter from previous employers to RL&M@gmail.com or call 483-6903.

### Wanted US Workers only

### 1 Administrative Assistant

Must be fluent in Mandarin. Computer literate. Knowledge in website designing preferred.

Send resume to KDC at PO Box 10003 PMB 1175

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Job Vacancy Announcement

Closing Date: November 24, 2011

### (1) Music Teacher – Voice

Minimum of 5 yrs experience in professional singing industry. Must have experience in voice coaching and performance arts.

Email resume to rcsmusic@gmail.com

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Minimum of 5 yrs. experience in surveying business preferred.

Interested persons may submit resume to our office Located on the ground floor JETENORIO Bldg. Gualo Rai Or fax to 235-8914 email Joehof17@yahoo.com

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- 1 – Surveyor**
- Successful candidate will have an extensive knowledge of the fundamentals of land surveying using conventional methods and equipments and will have experience in making exact measurements and determining property boundaries. Provide data relevant to the shape, contour, gravitation, location, elevation, or dimension of land or land features on or near the earth's surface for engineering, mapmaking, mining, land elevation, construction, and other purposes.

- Minimum Qualifications:
- Bachelors Degree in Surveying or Associate Degree with 5 years experience.
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  - 3+ years of work experience
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For consideration, please submit your resume to our office via hand delivered, fax or E-Mail. No Phone Calls or Walk-Ins will be accepted. HOFFSCHNEIDER LAND SURVEYING CO. is located on the ground floor of J.E. Tenorio Bldg in Gualo Rai, Garapan. Fax number is (670) 235-8914. E-Mail address is joehof17@yahoo.com.

### Job Vacancy Announcement

CHEAP CUT BBQ RESTAURANT

- Has positions for
- (3) Waiters or Waitresses.**
- Must have a High School Diploma/GED equivalent.
  - Stamina to work on your feet for 6hr shift. Possibly split shifts.
  - Able to speak Pilipino, Chinese, Korean preferred.
  - Be able to lift and carry 30lbs.
  - 5-10 years experience in food service preferred.

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### 3 COOK

\$5.05/hr. at least 2 yrs work experience

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Job Vacancy Announcement

**1 Manager.** 2 years of personnel management experience, proficient in English and Korean (reading, writing, speaking), flexible hours for night, weekend and holidays. Must provide own car. Send resume to sylviaacnmi@gmail.com

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Call JBM Enterprises at 235-1859

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at 433-0505 for more info.

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) COOKS

Must have a minimum experience of 3 months  
At least High School Graduate  
Willing to work at 4:00 in the morning  
Know how to drive but not a must

Applicants must call 789-9151 to schedule for an interview by Fely P. Forbes dba Lydia's Kitchen.

### Job Vacancy Announcement

WVC Inc. dba WVC Pawnshop & WVC Wholesale

### 1 Pawnshop Manager 1 Jewelry Appraiser 1 Sales Person

5 years experience, Knowledge in precious stones and metals a must, Police clearance required, Call 2336047 for interview appointment, Bring Bio Data and employment certification from previous employers.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

<b>NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION,</b>	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0261</b>
Plaintiff,	
-v-	<b>SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION</b>
<b>DIEGO A. SASAMOTO and ANICIA S. SASAMOTO,</b>	
Defendants.	

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:

DATED, this 26th day of October, 2011:

/s/ Clerk of Court

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09 Toyota Corolla, Mil. 32,500. Excellent Condition. Price \$11,200. Pls Call 287-7676.

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Condominium for Rent. Anaks Oceanview Resort. 2 brm, 1 bath. Fully furnished. Contact 287-0396.

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# Unlike NFL lockout, NBA's truly jeopardizes season



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Minnesota Timberwolves forward Anthony Tolliver was watching back in March, when pro football players such as Tom Brady and Drew Brees announced they were disbanding their union and suing the NFL under antitrust law.

"We'll see how the next steps go," Tolliver said at the time. "Hopefully we'll learn from them."

Well, now it's time to find out what Tolliver and his peers picked up. He's one of a handful of basketball players, including All-Stars Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant, who filed class-action antitrust complaints against the NBA in federal court during the past week.

That could lead to a dragged-out legal process or - as happened with the NFL's labor dispute—wind up bringing the sides back to the negotiating table.

"We've seen every twist and turn, and I imagine we'll see many more. Hopefully a settlement can be reached, relatively quickly, and the (NBA) season can be saved," said Jeffrey Kessler, outside counsel for both the NFL and NBA players' associations. "That would be the best result for everyone, to have a litigation settlement now."

The NBA's lockout came swiftly on the heels of the NFL's, already has lasted longer, and there's one significant difference: Football's labor dispute resulted in the loss of only a single exhibition game, while the NBA is on its way down the path toward a shortened regular season—if one is played at all.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell spoke repeatedly about getting a deal done and keeping the season intact. When the most recent round of NBA talks broke off Monday, Commissioner David Stern spoke about a "nuclear winter" and said it appeared "the 2011-12 season is really in jeopardy." Tuesday was the first time players missed out on a twice-a-month paycheck because of the lockout; people who work at an NBA arena or a nearby bar or restaurant already began feeling lighter in their pockets last month, when preseason games began getting wiped out.

"This lockout doesn't just hurt players. It hurts workers. It hurts cities. It hurts people who really need the income provided by the NBA," Kessler said. "But what people have to keep in mind is that the players don't want this lockout."

For the time being, the only chance to see All-Stars such as LeBron James or Dwight Howard in action is to catch one of the player-organized games for charity. Unless, that is, some of them follow through on opportunities to play overseas: Kobe Bryant was in contact with a team in Italy; Dwyane Wade authorized his agent to listen to viable offers.

NFL players didn't have that



In this June 30, 2011, file photo, NBA commissioner David Stern speaks to reporters during a news conference after a meeting with the players' union in New York.

international option, of course.

Both leagues' labor problems began, at their heart, as arguments over how to divide billions of dollars in revenues - about \$9 billion for the NFL, \$4 billion for the NBA—but also over how to change the rules governing player contracts and free agency. Both featured acrimonious dialogue in public. Both bothered fans who couldn't understand why it was so hard to find common ground.

"The NFL owners and players had time to let the legal battle play out," said Gabe Feldman, director of the Sports Law program at Tulane. "The NBA owners and players don't. This has to be a quick legal strike and, unfortunately in our litigation system, there aren't many opportunities to get a quick legal strike."

## The two disputes' timelines:

■ After 16 days of negotiations overseen by federal me-

diator George Cohen, the NFL Players Association announced it was dissolving on March 11, hours before the old collective bargaining agreement expired as a result of the owners' having opted out of the deal. That day, Brady and others sued. As the calendar changed to March 12, the owners imposed the lockout, creating that league's first work stoppage since 1987. There were nearly five months to go until the first preseason game on Aug. 7 (the only one that eventually was wiped out) and nearly six months until the start of the regular season on Sept. 8. After legal proceedings began, with some wins and losses for both sides, discussions with a different mediator led to progress and, eventually, the NFL's new, 10-year CBA was signed Aug. 5.

■ The NBA owners had an option to extend their CBA for one year but allowed it to expire on June 30, and imposed a

lockout as the calendar turned to July 1, saying they lost of hundreds of millions of dollars in each season of the old deal and needed to fix things. The league and union accused each other of bargaining in bad faith. They said they were far apart philosophically and financially and didn't meet again until Aug. 1. With not enough progress made, the league began postponing the Oct. 9 start of the preseason on Sept. 23; by Oct. 11, the Nov. 1 start of the regular season was being pushed back. Here we are, more than two weeks past that date, and there's no indication when the sides might be back in a room together.

NBA players announced Monday they were rejecting the league's latest offer and disclaiming interest in their union—and, no longer governed by labor law, would sue under antitrust law, something they did Tuesday in California and Minnesota.

But it was the NBA that first

went to federal court, filing a complaint Aug. 2 in New York, saying the players were threatening to dissolve their union. At the time, Stern told The Associated Press that players were "preparing to use the same strategy that the NFL - who uses the same lawyer - used."

That would be Kessler, the top negotiator for both sports' players, and he's hardly the only familiar face. Cohen, for example, tried mediating between the NBA and basketball players, too, but couldn't help them get a deal done, either.

Kessler recently was joined on the NBA players' legal team by David Boies, who gained fame representing Al Gore during the recount fight in the disputed 2000 presidential election—and, it so happens, was one of the lawyers who opposed Kessler only months ago while working for the NFL.

A lawyer who helped Boies defend the NFL against the an-

titrust claim filed by Brady and others, former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement, is now working for the NBA. And a firm that represented NFL owners during their lockout, and NHL owners during their lost-season lockout, is working for NBA owners, too.

Asked to compare the NFL and NBA situations, Clement said in a telephone interview: "If anything, it may be that in the NBA case, it's even more transparent that the NBA players' supposed disclaimer is only designed to achieve a more favorable result in collective bargaining. One thing I think that's true in both cases is that no one thinks that the union is gone forever or that the collective bargaining is really over at the point of the disclaimer. Right now, with the NBA, that should be clear."

Later, he added: "It's not like a light switch. You can't run from the bargaining table, flip the switch, and say, 'All right, we're not a union anymore.'"

The players say Stern issued a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer last week, leading to the end of talks; in private conversations, the league disputes the characterization of the most recent proposal as a hard ultimatum.

Here's what the sides do agree about: They were pretty much ready to settle on a 50-50 split of revenues - with the players giving up the 57-43 guarantee they had under the old CBA, and the owners giving up the idea of reducing the values of existing contracts—but could not get on the same page when it came to how the contract system would work.

"All the pundits were saying (about the NFL)... 'when they get close to losing the games and the season, there will be a deal.' And lo and behold that happened," NBPA head Billy Hunter told the AP. "Unlike our case. We're trying, but the owners have decided all along not to negotiate."

Clement's response? "To say, 'Well, I really didn't like the way the other side was behaving at the bargaining table and therefore I'm going to disclaim and file an antitrust lawsuit so I have better leverage to get a better-negotiated agreement at the end of the day,' is really kind of a non sequitur and the law is pretty clear that kind of maneuver is just invalid."

The last time NBA owners locked out players, Stern and Hunter barely beat an early January 1999 deadline to cancel the entire season, using an all-night bargaining session to salvage 50 of 82 games.

So it can be done. But, as Tulane's Feldman put it: "The clock is ticking."

"Both sides know the litigation can't play all the way through in time to save this season—or maybe even next season," he said. "The players have lost control of the situation. It's given over to the courts. So there's more urgency to negotiate."

## Wade will listen to overseas options, just in case

**MIAMI (AP)**—Dwyane Wade is ready to play basketball. Preferably in Miami.

And if that's not an option, he's preparing himself to start looking elsewhere.

Wade said Thursday that he has authorized agent Henry Thomas to listen to any viable offers that may be out there for him to play internationally this season—with the caveat that, until such time as all hope for an NBA season is gone, he won't be signing any deal with any other club.

"I told my agent to just take a peek," Wade said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's time. There's a possibility that we're not going to have a season. We've got to see what's out there, what the possibilities are. I want to play competitive basketball

this year. I've missed a year of basketball in my life before. I'm not trying to miss another. I don't have too many years of basketball left."

Wade sat out his first season of college basketball at Marquette while getting academics and eligibility issues in order. This, obviously, is a different sort of issue.

It's not like he's lost all hope for a season—not even close, actually. Wade said he still has some hope that the season can begin on Christmas, though he acknowledges that seems less than likely.

"I'm with the majority. When everybody's ready to go, I'm ready to go," Wade said. "I'm ready to stick with our guns if that's what we decide to do. The message to fans doesn't change from what I've said:

It's hard for players to say that we're sorry for this, because people say that we're not. This is our job and you see what we have to do. No one wants to be on the court more than the players."

He was speaking Thursday between shooting takes of a new Gatorade ad campaign that launches early next year. It was the 140th day of the lockout, and as he spoke, he looked out a floor-to-ceiling glass window not far from the AmericanAirlines Arena—the building where the Heat play their home games.

The 2006 NBA finals MVP was back in that arena Tuesday night, as a guest for a concert featuring Jay-Z and Kanye West. It was his first time in the building since the Heat wrapped up their end-of-

season business after losing the NBA finals to the Dallas Mavericks. Once the lockout started when the existing labor deal expired June 30, teams have not been allowed to contact players, nor give them access to their facilities.

So when Wade went there Tuesday, he couldn't venture anywhere near the Heat locker room.

"I went through an entrance I'd never gone through before," Wade said. "It was weird. Very weird, walking into that arena. It was different staff, then I saw some people I knew, but it was weird. It's just unfortunate that it's got to be like that. It's like you're a criminal, like you can't walk into a place because you've done something wrong. I won a championship here. I'd like to win another one."



# Americans going for 4th straight win



Tiger Woods of the U.S. team hits out of a bunker on the ninth hole during the third round of the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Royal Melbourne Golf Course, in Melbourne, Australia, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011. AP

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (AP)—Ryo Ishikawa and the rest of the International team built leads in five of the opening seven matches Sunday to keep alive slim hopes of a record-tying comeback in the Presidents Cup.

It didn't take long for Jim Furyk, David Tom, Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker to shore up the back end of the lineup.

The Americans had a 13-9 lead going into the 12 singles matches Sunday, and needed to win five matches - there are no halves until the cup is decided

—to win the cup for the fourth straight time.

Ishikawa was the only International player among the first three matches who trailed, and it wasn't for long. He won the par-3 third hole with a bogey when Bubba Watson, needing two putts to win from the back of the green, putted it onto the fairway and made double bogey. Ishikawa was on his way to an easy win.

Adam Scott also was having as easy time, in large part

because of his opponent. Phil Mickelson, undefeated in three matches this week, conceded the first three holes—Scott had 15-foot birdies on each of them—and conceded yet another hole on No. 8 to fall 4 down.

Mickelson bladed a chip from behind the first green and took two shots out of a bunker while trying to match Scott's birdie. He came up just short on the third, with the Aussie crowd urging it to catch the slope and

run back into the fairway.

Hunter Mahan gave the Americans by dominating Jason Day, who also struggled.

The International team was ahead in the opening four matches—which would eliminate the deficit if they won them all. But the Americans had comfortable leads in the last four matches, starting with Furyk.

Trying to become only the fourth player in Presidents Cup history to go 5-0 for the week, Furyk holed every big putt and took a 4-up lead over Ernie Els

at the turn.

Toms was 4 up over Robert Allenby, who has lost more matches than anyone in the Presidents Cup and was on the verge of being shutout this week in his hometown of Melbourne.

Woods made consecutive birdies to build a 2-up lead over Aaron Baddeley.

The International team's only win in the Presidents Cup came

13 years ago at Royal Melbourne.

The course was demanding for everyone. In mild temperatures, the wind already was up when the matches began. Such conditions made even 4-foot putts difficult to make, and the International team at least had a big crowd on its side. Some of the grandstands were full some two hours before the matches began.

## 2 Bears, 4 Lions fined by NFL; Chancellor \$20,000



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Four Detroit Lions, including quarterback Matthew Stafford (notes), and two Chicago Bears were fined Friday by the NFL for incidents in their game last Sunday.

Stafford instigated a scuffle when he grabbed the helmet of Bears defensive back D. J. Moore and threw him to the ground. Stafford was fined \$7,500, while Moore was hit for \$15,000 for striking back at Stafford and being ejected.

Also docked \$15,000 was Lions rookie DT Nick Fairley for driving Bears QB Jay Cutler into the ground.

Chicago receiver Earl Bennett was fined \$10,000 for wearing orange shoes, his second uniform violation.

Detroit DE Kyle Vanden Bosch was docked \$7,500 for unnecessary roughness: Vanden Bosch threw Bears RB Matt Forte to the ground late.

Detroit guard Rob Sims also was hit for \$7,500 for a late tackle.

Seattle safety Kam Chancellor was fined \$20,000 for his hit on Baltimore receiver Anquan Boldin.

Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco was fined \$7,500 for a horse-collar tackle on Seattle linebacker David Hawthorne, who had intercepted a pass.

Ravens defensive tackle Arthur Jones was fined \$7,500 for his unnecessary roughness violation following an exchange with a Seattle player after Billy Cundiff kicked a field goal.

Three Panthers were fined \$7,500 each from the Tennessee-Carolina game, all for the same thing: striking an opponent in the face or facemask. Fined were Panthers tackles Byron Bell and Jordan Gross and defensive end Charles Johnson. Gross' hit was on William Hayes, while Johnson fouled Titans tackle David Stewart.

Titans safety Michael Griffin was fined the same amount for a late hit in the head area with his helmet.

Browns guard Shawn Lauvao also received a \$7,500 fine for unnecessary roughness in a loss to Houston on Nov. 6. He head-butted

Houston LB Brian Cushing. Meanwhile, Michael Vick has to watch his teammates play from home.

Vick won't play when the Philadelphia Eagles visit the New York Giants on Sunday because of two broken ribs. He won't even be on the sideline because injured players typically don't make the trip.

Vince Young will make his first start for Philadelphia in Vick's place. He's thrown one pass this season—an interception.

Vick didn't practice this week because he broke his two lower ribs on the second play in a 21-17 loss to Arizona last Sunday. He got up slowly after taking a hard hit to the side, but didn't tell anyone the extent of the injury and played the rest of the game. He was off target most of the game and finished 16 of 34 for 128 yards and two interceptions.

Michael Vick agreed to a six-year deal to stick with the Eagles.

Vick was listed as questionable on Friday's injury report, but was ruled out after Saturday's walkthrough. Wide receiver Jeremy Maclin also won't play because of shoulder and hamstring injuries.

The Eagles (3-6) desperately need a victory over the first-place Giants (6-3) to avoid being all-but-mathematically eliminated from playoff contention. The defending NFC East champions began this season with Super Bowl aspirations, but have failed to live up to those enormous expectations.

Vick's inconsistency is among the reasons the Eagles have underachieved. Vick has hardly resembled the guy who was an MVP candidate and Pro Bowl starter last season. He's already thrown 11 interceptions in nine games. He had six picks all of last season.

Young was 30-17 as a starter and went to two Pro Bowls in five seasons with the Tennessee Titans. He was one of several high-profile players Philadelphia signed after the lockout. So far, Young's only contribution was labeling the Eagles a "Dream Team" at his first news conference at training camp.

It's been a nightmare season instead.

## Baseball deal includes HGH testing, \$480K minimum



**NEW YORK**

(AP)—Baseball's new labor contract will include blood testing for human growth hormone, a rise in the minimum salary to \$480,000 and luxury taxes on both amateur draft signings and international free agents coming to the major leagues.

Lawyers for players and owners are working to complete a memorandum of understanding on changes to sport's collective bargaining agreement and hope to sign the deal by Tuesday. A person familiar with the negotiations disclosed some of the agreed-upon provisions to The Associated Press on Saturday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced.

The blood testing provision was first reported by The New York Times.

Blood testing for human growth hormone will start when players report to spring training in February, putting MLB ahead of the NFL. The NFL wanted to start HGH testing this season, following that sport's new labor contract, but the NFL Play-

ers Association has not agreed, causing some congressmen to pressure the union.

There also will be a slight increase in the total of players eligible for salary arbitration after the 2012 season, when there also will be a new method to determine compensation for clubs losing top major league free agents. There also will be modifications to the luxury tax on high-payroll teams, but the threshold will remain at \$178 million next year.

The changes are the most numerous since the 1997 agreement that came nearly two years after a 7 1/2-month strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series. The five-year deal, replacing one set to expire Dec. 11, ensures 21 consecutive years of labor peace for MLB at a time when the NBA season is being threatened by a lockout that already has wiped out a quarter of the regular season.

As part of the deal, baseball's minimum salary will go from \$414,000 this year to \$480,000 in 2012 and \$500,000 later in the deal - matching what the average salary was in 1989.

Owners gained one of their

chief objectives: a restraint on the bonuses paid to amateur free agents, both those entering professional baseball from high schools and colleges and those coming to MLB organizations from abroad.

A tax of 75 percent to 100 percent will be imposed on the amount a team exceeds a threshold, and teams exceeding the threshold by higher amounts could lose first- and second-round draft picks.

For international free agents, such as players from the Dominican Republic and Venezuela, there will be a separate threshold and tax with penalties, and there will be a study committee that could put a new system in place later during the agreement.

After the 2012 season, about five to six additional major leaguers will become eligible for salary arbitration each year. The group of players with at least two but less than three years of major league service lost the right to arbitration in the 1985 agreement, but players regained it for the top 17 percent of 2-3-year players by service time in the 1990 deal. That will



# New car at stake in SCC golf tournament



Triple J Motors will be giving away a Hyundai Accent as hole-in-one prize in the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Holiday Golf Tournament set at Coral Ocean Point on Dec. 17.

SCC president Doug Brennan went to Triple J Motors office in Garapan recently and Triple J Motors general

manager Randy Steele, right, and Triple J's Ben Lizama, left pose with SCC president Doug Brennan, center, and the Hyundai Accent offered as a hole-in-one prize at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Holiday Golf Tournament to be held at Coral Ocean Point on Dec. 17.

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## TOURNAMENTS

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Berks Blazers, respectively.

In the swim circuit, Tsunami Saipan's Ryuto Yanai and Lukas Kang reset CNMI age group records in the boys U8 division, while teammates Kensuke Kimura and Shigeki Tenorio

represented the Commonwealth in the FINA World Cup in Tokyo, Japan.

In golf, Last Minute's Joe Suares, Will Maui, Eun Taeck Jung, and Jaeyon Ju bested over 20 teams to rule the Hyatt Golf Classic.

In tennis, Week 1 of the Tan Holdings Classic drew 68 entries from Guam and Saipan.

In the Shirley's caging, teams are almost done with their regular season assignments after last week's games. Mobil leads the field with a 7-1 record.

Still in basketball, IT&E Konflikt went 3-0 after twin wins last week to keep the top spot in the GBL.

In the FA Cup, Wild Bill's and Inter Godfather's are also

undefeated in Group A and B, respectively.

In the MISO boys volleyball, Kagman High School pulled off an upset over Saipan International School for its fourth straight championships, while Marianas High School capped its dominance in the girls basketball with a title win over Saipan Southern High School.

## LADY

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Jeralyn Castillo, Melody Johnson, Charlene Lizardo, and Nicole Arboliras and sophomores Jeraldine Castillo and Krizandra Gozon. Jonni Bohman and assistant Max Garcia coach MHS.

With eight returning players on their roster, the Lady Dolphins are expected to be a strong contender when they vie for a third straight title next season.

MHS heated up early in the finals and broke out to a daunting 26-1 lead after the first period. Jeraldine Castillo caught fire early with a string of 10 points and finished the first quarter with 14 markers, while Abrams chipped in eight.

Roxanne Duenas managed a pair of treys for eight points in the second quarter for Southern, but MHS still trotted ahead at halftime, 40-9. Melody Johnson accounted for a handful of checks for MHS in the second canto.

The Lady Dolphins moved the ball around after the break and continued to dominate possession, limiting SSHS to three points in the third quarter. Six Lady Dolphins contributed on offense to extended their lead to 46, 58-12, going into the final period.

Jeraldine Castillo finished with a game-high 27 points, while Duenas was held to 11 on the short end.

MHS finished the regular season undefeated in six games and earned a first round bye in the double-elimination

tournament. They downed Saipan International School, 79-17, in the second round to advance to the finals with a twice-to-beat advantage.

Runner-up Southern went through Kagman High School, 72-53, in the opening round, but fell to the champs in another lopsided defeat. The Lady Rays regrouped however and made it past SIS, 61-48, in the semi-finals, to set up another game against MHS.

Five teams participated in the weekend tournament, including the Tinian High School. THS is made up of Hilary San Nicolas, Jaime Omengkar, Rudynna Lazaro, Regene Palacios, Marynita Cepeda, Chloe Hofschneider, Jessabel Nepedog, Mary

Grace Atalig, Tiana Emul, Noelanie Santos, and Shanady Adriano with head coach Craig Meaghan and assistant Rian Piccin.

THS fell to SIS, 37-41, in its opener, but outlasted KHS, 50-36, in its first lower bracket match. SIS managed to oust THS, 53-51, in a nail-biter before being eliminated by the Lady Rays.

**MHS 70** – Jeraldine Castillo 27, Abrams 14, Mendoza 6, Johnson 5, Alegre 4, Gozon 4, Arboliras 2, Jeralyn Castillo 2, Lizardo 2, Rangamar 2, Sapong 2.

**SSHS 18** – Duenas 11, Bartolo 2, Francisco 2, Gelacio 2, Lizama 2

**Scoring by quarters:** 26-1, 40-9, 58-13, 70-18.

## MOBIL

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straight points off a split free throw, an offensive rebound, and putback moved Mobil within one, 88-89, 1:23 left on the clock. PSS once held an 88-79 advantage at the 2:25 mark of the fourth frame.

Jun Estolas then forced a jumpball on Walter Mendez in the ensuing play and possession arrow was pointed to Mobil, which later stole the lead, 90-89, after Rabauliman fed Gyles Ruloked at the baseline.

After his layup, Ruloked intercepted Maverick Itibus' inbound pass and Rabauliman had another assist as he found Gil Gapor lurking underneath the baskets for a reverse and Mobil's 92-89 lead.

Rabauliman made it a 93-89 cushion, off his split, as Mobil regained another possession after the former harassed Dave Sablan, who lost the ball to the sideline. After the error, Sablan went on to redeem himself with a banked triple that cut Mobil's lead to one, 92-93, 20.3 seconds to go in the game.

Rabauliman trooped to the stripe anew when PSS gave up a foul after failing to steal the ball and the Mobil forward had another split for a slim 94-92 advantage. PSS sued for time, but failed to complete a play when Sablan barreled his way into a phalanx of Mobil defenders and was called for a traveling violation on his spin move.

Mobil had the possession in the last 11.6 seconds and after the inbound Sablan failed to swipe the ball away from

Rabauliman. Then instead of giving up a quick foul, PSS wasted precious seconds before doing so. Gapor was finally fouled in the last 3.3 seconds and he canned both charities to seal the win.

Mobil played catch up after falling behind in the first period, 8-26. Mendez outgunned the entire Mobil crew in the opening canto with his 12 points. Mobil still trailed by double digits at the break, 33-45, despite getting 12 points from Rabauliman in the second canto. Sablan nailed 18 of his 43 markers in PSS' first-half domination.

Estolas, who made no more than two field goals in each of the first two quarters, anchored Mobil's comeback in the third, as he fired 14 points. Rabauliman added seven and Mobil was back on track, 62-67, with

still a full quarter to go.

PSS hung in there behind Sablan's daredevil drives and Itibus' breakaway layups before collapsing in the last 2:25 of the match. PSS absorbed back-to-back losses and fell to a 5-2 record for third place in the team standings. Mobil kept the top spot with its 7-1 slate.

Meanwhile, GPPC won via forfeit over Hyatt to improve to a 2-6 record. Hyatt players thought they were scheduled to play in the second and not in the first game.

**Mobil 96** – Rabauliman 43, Estolas 29, Ruloked 10, Demapan 6, Gapor 6.

**PSS/McGraw-Hill 94** – Sablan 43, Mendez 16, Itibus 8, Fital 7, Manibusan 7, Palacios 5, Buniag 2, Villagomez 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 8-26, 33-45, 62-67, 96-94.

manager Randy Steele and Ben Lizama showed him the hole-in-one prize awaiting the lucky winner.

Other hole-in-one prizes in next month's tournament are from by Bank of Hawaii (\$25,000), Century Insurance/AON (\$5,000), and Takagi and Associates Insurance (\$5,000).

The SCC Holiday Tournament is an annual fundraising event for the Chamber's Educational Committee and its education/scholarship awards.

This year's event has a two-man best ball scramble format with Men's Low Gross, Men's Low Net (Double Peoria), and Women's Low Net (Double Peoria) categories. Entry fee is \$95 per player. Tournament

day registration is \$105 per player. Registration fees include greens fees, prizes, and the awards banquet. Show time is 6am and tee off is scheduled for 7am.

Other excellent and lengthy list of awards and raffle prizes are being offered for participants.

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habilitated court at AMP was also tough.

"The surface is so fast, so what I did was be consistent with my serves so I can get many points," Montgomery said.

The many-time CNMI National Team member advanced to the finals after beating youth netter Rafael Jones in the semis last Saturday, 6-1, 6-2. Montgomery also notched a straight set win over Jeff Belzer in the first round, 6-1, 6-1, while Jones prevailed over fellow junior netter Thea Minor, 6-4, 6-4.

In the lower half of the nine-player draw, Bobby Cruz defeated Daniel Lim in the first round, 6-4, 6-4, and then topped Amami Sakano in the semis, 6-0, 6-0, to march into the finals. Sakano barged into the semis after despite a 4-6 first set loss to Jeff Race, who retired in the second set with the scored in a deadlock, 4-4, due to an injury.

Joining Montgomery in the winners list in the singles division of the Week 1 of Tan Holdings Classic were Thea Minor, Jake Lee, Moris Villanueva, and Alina Ishikawa.

Lee downed fellow junior player Carl Dela Cruz, 6-0, 6-2, in the men's 4.0 singles finals. Lee slipped past Guam's

Peter Lai, 6-3, 6-2, to arrange a title duel against Dela Cruz, who eliminated John Kang, 6-3, 3-6, 10-7. Villanueva took the men's 3.0 crown after thumping Kazu Shintani in the title game, 6-1, 6-1. Villanueva won in the semis against Randero Romulo, 6-0, 6-0, while Shintani stunned top seed Dylan Ackerman in the other semis pairing, 7-6, 6-4.

Ishikawa needed three sets to thwart Isabel Heras in the women's 3.0 singles, 6-2, 3-6, 10-6. Heras barged into the finals after a 6-3, 6-2 semis win over Adele Hudkins, while Ishikawa triumphed against Vickie Izuka in the other semis pairing, 6-0, 6-1.

In the women's 5.0 singles, Thea Minor booked two wins to take the championship. She defeated Mikayla Lopez last Saturday, 6-2, 6-0, and Tammy Ackerman (walkover) last Saturday.

Two other women's singles games were played yesterday, but results were unavailable at press time. In the women's 3.0, Lydia Tan was scheduled to duel Cleofe Santos, while Carol Lee and Nina Engelhardt were slated to battle for the 4.0 crown.

Results of the two remaining women's singles title games and the mixed doubles events will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

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past Mancao's 33:59.5 and Bautista's even 34:00. Eleven runners competed in the field.

Chris Obaldo also of MHS breezed past six runners in the girls with an impressive time of 43:57. She finished almost five minutes ahead of runner-up Clarisse Cayabyab (48:46), while third placer Lourdes Seman (51:17) fended off a late surge down the homestretch by Francine Sablan (51:18). MHS made up the entire U18 girls field.

Meanwhile, NMA also held races in the U8 and U10 divisions (3-km course).

In the boys U8 division, Kagman Elementary School's Koen Kabiriel bested a field of five with a time of 8:04, ahead of Saipan Community School's Jason (8:045) and Jon Paul Sablan (8:05).

Whispering Palms School's Logan Mister topped a boys U10 field, clocking in at 7:00. SCS's Ken Sogg (7:48) and Grace Christian Academy's Haruya Eda (7:59) finished second and third. Lone U10 girls competitor, Garapan Elementary School's Joshilyn Flores, finished the course in 9:13.

Next up for NMA is the All Schools cross-country championship set for Dec. 3 with the venue to be announced later.



# Weekend Sports

## Tournaments galore

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Competitions were in abundance for members of the CNMI sports community last week.

The list includes the 5th Annual Traders Insurance

Badminton Team Tournament at the TSL Sports Complex, the first leg of Tsunami Saipan Swim Circuit Series, the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup 2011, Week 1 of the 3rd Annual Tan Holdings

Tennis Classic, and the 16th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic. Other on-going competitions on Saipan also continued last week: Shirley's caging, GBL IT&E Cup, FA Cup, and the MISO volleyball

and basketball.

Five clubs started the contest in the Traders team event with Golden Racquets and Shirley's Badminton Club prevailing in Week 1 against TAGA and the See **TOURNAMENTS on Page 26**



Guam players join Saipan's Sally Lee, third right, for a group photo during a break in last Saturday's game in the 3rd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic yesterday at the AMP tennis court.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
Saipan International School's Taek Han Yoon goes for a spike against Kagman High School during their championship game in the MISO boy's volleyball last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND  
Mobil and FGC players watch Edwin Santos pulls up for a jumper during their game in the GBL IT&E Cup last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.

## Youth strikers show improved skills in festival

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Over 200 players participated in the 2011 NMIFA Youth Football Fall Festival and showcased their finer skills at the Koblerville Elementary School Field last Saturday.

The festival featured U8 and U10 teams of five clubs—Paire FC, Shirley's FC, Tan Holdings FC, Matansa, and MP United. Each squad played three games with every match lasting for 20 minutes. Results were not officially tabulated and no particular team was chosen as the best, as the U8 and U10 divisions aimed to promote friendly matches. However, youth strikers played as if trophies and bragging rights were at stake in the festival, hustling for defense under the searing heat and celebrating every goal scored.

"We had more players playing in this fall festival than last year and what's more encouraging was a lot of them showed improvement," NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas said in an



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Shirley's FC and MP United FC U8 players exchange hi-fives after their game in the 2011 NMIFA Youth Fall Festival last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School.

interview with Saipan Tribune.

Festival competition commissioner Jersh Angeles echoed Salas' observation.

"We were supposed to have only friend games, but when you looked at the pitch, you could see these young players showing moves which can be seen in regular matches. They really improved," Angeles said.

Paire's Jaime Saiki said coaches and the players' parents played an important role in the improvement of the youth league strikers. "Parents were always there to bring their kids to practices and games and coaches spend a lot of time and patience in teaching these young players the basic of the football. Parents support is really important," said Saiki, who saw an increase in membership for Paire this season.

"We have 24 players in the U8, 22 in the U10, and 16 in the U6. We keep growing every year so right now we're thinking of having an own field so we can continue the club's development program," said Saiki.

Paire practices at San Vicente Elementary School Field and play at Dandan Elementary School.

## Rebels fend off Andhok's in GBL IT&E Cup

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The Runnin' Rebels outlasted Andhok's, 64-56, during the only game played in the Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup last Friday at the Garapan Basketball court.

The Rebels remain undefeated in three games, while Andhok's was served its fourth loss in as many matches. Only the Andhok's-Rebels tiff was finished last weekend, as the second match between FGC (2-2) and Satbahi-Blue Haus (1-2) was rained-out with FGC ahead, 66-56, five minutes left in regulation.

Both the Rebels and Andhok's had sluggish starts with the former having the slight edge after the opening ten minutes, 12-5. Rodney Sacramento paced the Rebels with four points in the first quarter.

Then Andhok's Tim Wesley came alive with 15 points in the second quarter to pull his team to within a point at halftime, 29-30.

The Rebels buried a pair of

three-pointers to maintain the edge in the third quarter, although it was still a one-possession game, 48-45, heading into crunch time.

The Rebels bench stepped up in the clutch as seven different players chipped in to help secure the victory. After playing catch up in the first three quarters, Andhok's could not complete the come-from-behind win in the fourth, as it was held to 11 points in the final period.

Sacramento and Trevor Ogu-moro teamed up for 25 points for the Rebels, while Wesley led all scorers with 20. Notably, Wesley fouled out in the fourth quarter, hindering his team's chances in mounting a recovery.

**Runnin' Rebels 64** – Ogu-moro 13, Sacramento 12, Aughenbaugh 9, Manglona 9, Fitial 8, Hossain 7, DL Guerrero 2, Hambros 2, Lisua 2.

**Andhok's 56** – Wesley 20, B. Montano 10, Dayrit 6, Lauron 6, Artates 4, Camacho 2, J. Montano 2, Park 2, Llagas 1, Tenorio 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-5, 30-29, 48-45, 64-56.





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## Lady Dolphins defend basketball title

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The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins wrapped up a perfect season and clinched back-to-back championships after pounding Saipan Southern High School, 70-18, in the finals of the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League last Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.



The 52-point win put an exclamation point in the Lady Dolphins' flawless season and gave seniors Lia Rangamar, Jaime Mendoza, Madeleine Alegre and Reylynn Spong a perfect gift on their last year with MHS. Completing the champion squad are juniors Rachel Abrams, Lily Williams,

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins pose for a team photo after beating Saipan Southern High School in the finals of the MISO girls caging last Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

## Montgomery leads Week 1 winners

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Todd Montgomery did not drop a single set in Week 1 of the 3rd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic to win the men's open singles division of the annual competition for the first time.

Montgomery, who missed the first two editions of the Tan Holdings Classic, clinched the men's open singles crown after sweeping Bobby Cruz in the finals yesterday at the AMP tennis court, 6-3, 6-2. The men's open championship featured teammates who represented the CNMI to the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau and netters who almost played the same game. "Bobby and I both love to hit the ball flat, so it was a bit hard to match up with a player who plays like me," said Montgomery, adding that playing in a regular tournament at the re-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Todd Montgomery goes for a baseline return to Bobby Cruz during the second set of their title game in the men's open singles division of the 3rd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic yesterday at the AMP tennis court.

## SCS, MHS continue run in All Schools

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Saipan Community School and Marianas High School completed another successful run in the third leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics All Schools Cross-Country Series held at the American Memorial Park last Saturday.

SCS swept the boys U12 race with Elnathan Wong crossing the finish line first with a time of 17:43. His schoolmates, Nael Lim and Kento Akimaru, came in at second and third with times of 19:26 and 19:34, respectively. Runners in the U12 and U14 divisions raced in a 4.5-kilometer course.

In the girls U12, Shirley Qian also of SCS timed in at 25:11 to beat Hopwood Junior High School's Dohyen Kwon (28:03).

Another SCS bet, Kui Lee, (18:42) finished ahead of Hop-



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Beouch Ngirchongor raises his hands in triumph as he, and Mike Mancao and Charles Bautista near the finish line of the final leg of the All School cross-country series at the American Memorial Park last Saturday.

wood's Carmelino Garcia (20:37) in the boys U14, while Hopwood's Mikayla Lopez (19:14) surpassed teammate Rumina Litulimar (25:29) in another head-to-head U14 race. In the U18 division race that

featured a grueling 9-km course, Beouch Ngirchongor outsprinted MHS teammates Michael Mancao and Charles Bautista in a neck-and-neck finish. Ngirchongor posted 33:59 to sneak

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## Mobil sneaks past PSS

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PSS/McGraw-Hill choked in the last 2:25, allowing Mobil to steal a 96-94 win in the lone game played in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

PSS committed errors, missed shots, and was indecisive on defense in the homestretch, while Mobil hustled out, took high-percentage shots and made clutch free throws to work its way back into the game and grab the victory despite falling behind by as much as 18 in the first half.

Marvin Rabauliman completed Mobil's come-from-behind win, as he scored 20 of his 43 points in the crucial fourth quarter. His three

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Mobil's Marvin Rabauliman collides with Kelvin Fitial while going up for shot during the third quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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